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POLITICS . . . THE GREAT AMERICAN GAME

"Vote early and often" used to be the slogan, in the days when names on headstones in Mt. Greenwood cemetery commonly appeared on the list of registered voters, and all you had to do to vote again at any poll was to change your appearance slightly by wearing a different hat or discarding your tie, or turning your coat inside out.

Both major parties entered wholeheartedly into the sport, with no holds barred. Voting was strictly for men. Women didn't go near the polls.

Broken whiskey bottles and broken heads followed the elections.

There was one party, which shall be nameless, that offered certain people a bottle of whiskey and a dollar bill if they could demonstrate that they had NOT voted. Collection was made the day after election.

Sometimes a party saw to it that certain voters became quietly too drunk to stand on election eve, and that the hangover lasted all of the following day.

And of course there was that famous story about the electioneer who neatly defeated an opponent by walking into bar after bar, announcing that he was a candidate, giving the name of his opponent as his, and buying himself one glass of beer. When he walked out, he left in the bar a covey of disenchanted voters, all of them with a consuming thirst and a desire for revenge.

Politics . . . it's the great American game. From now until November, it will be open season for kissing babies and shaking hands with the great unwashed.

SOMETIMES IT PAYS TO SHUT UP

To Residents who are wondering why the Dallas Post carried nothing about the short-lived strike at Natona Mills in last week's issue:

There are times when too much publicity acts like an Australian boomerang. Too much publicity at a time when feelings run high and labor and management have their problems, can serve to fan the small blaze into a conflagration which will spread like wildfire.

Natona is an institution which has added a great deal to the welfare and the well-being of the area.

Strikes, allowed to blossom, divide a community right down the middle, as in the case of the Linear Strike.

The only thing more virulent than a strike is the congregations of two warring churches clawing each other to bits.

Any time the Dallas Post can help ease a tense situation by keeping its mouth shut, it hopes to be able to keep it shut.

There are plenty of times when it has to speak, and speak sharply.

Instant news has its drawbacks. It can blow up a small occurrence into a big one. Calamity is always more newsworthy than peace and quiet.

DON'T BE CAUGHT WITH YOUR LICENSE DOWN

Whether it's a big dog chained outside as a watch dog, a child's pet, or a lap dog which never touches his pampered toes to the green grass, they all need licenses, says John Wilson of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Wilson, the State dog law enforcement officer, says you'd be astonished how many folks in Luzerne County neglect to buy licenses for their dogs. How many people right here in the Back Mountain skin by without licenses.

It's a safeguard to owner and dog, as well as a contribution to the tax pot, says Mr. Wilson.

If a dog wearing an up-to-date license is picked up by the police, the officer has a moral obligation to find out the name of the owner and get in touch with him before taking legal steps.

A drive is now under way to search out all stray dogs. A dog without a correct license on his collar is a stray, and liable to be taken.

There is another safeguard about the license: a dog-napper is not so likely to take a licensed dog as he is one without a collar.

Dog-napping is not as prevalent in this area as it is near the big cities, but there is always the possibility. The fine for dog-napping is considerable. Pay it or spend thirty days in jail.

Mr. Wilson says there are 19,000 Luzerne County residents who have not procured licenses.

If a resident has a tiny Pomeranian, it is just as necessary for him to procure a license for it as if it were a mastiff, one of those outsize meat hounds.

Folks move to the country so they can have dogs, but it is up to the owners to see that the dogs are not a nuisance, that they don't tear up their neighbors' flower beds, that they don't bark all night, and that they are licensed. So watch it. You have been warned.

DID YOU VOTE?

So, primary elections are over. Did your favorite candidate get the nomination? Are you disappointed? DID YOU VOTE? If you didn't, you bought it by not bothering to go to the polls.

Only Yesterday It Happened 30 Years Ago

Regulations were issued by Harveys Lake Chief Ira Stevenson, relative to camping at the Lake. Before a tent could be pitched, campers were ordered to clear it with the Chief. Lake Silkworth adopted the same measures. Most campers, said Stevenson, were welcome, but every summer there was rowdiness among the uninhibited, and a certain amount of petty theft.

Irem Country Club had a new manager, William G. Scott succeeding E. A. Pine. Mundy promised the area that the Luzerne By-Pass would be started within a month. State Highway Department was ready to call for bids. The Back Mountain had been waiting for a long time, its traffic threading its way through the bottleneck of Luzerne.

Proposed addition to Dallas Borough High School was being studied by State Department of Education. Talk of possible consolidation in the area was a factor, though plans had already been approved by Harrisburg.

Republican committeemen strong for Arthur James, candidate for Governor, did not favor ex-Governor Pinchot's bid for support.

Lehman Township's proposal to take over Hillside Avenue at Harveys Lake as a township road, was okayed by the court. Improvements were already under way.

Bi-County League listed eight teams: Vernon, Dimmick, Jenks, Noxen, Beaumont, Dallas, East Dallas, Carverton. Don Gross was manager of the Dallas team.

Joseph Polacky, Dallas Postmaster, invited students of Dallas Borough and Dallas Township high schools to compete in a model airplane building contest. The prize was to be a trip by plane over Dallas. Russell Smith, manager of Smith's Flying Service at the Forty Port Airport, was cooperating.

Daddow-Isaacs Post was asking for names of deceased veterans, in advance of Memorial Day.

Remember Dash Dixon? Little Buddy? Detective Riley? See you in the funny papers.

Hamburg was 12 1/2 cents a pound; sugar 10 pounds for 46 cents.

Shavertown's new theatre was about to open, with Radio City Revels as first night attraction. Dan Shaver was justifiably proud of his contribution to the entertainment world. Television was still only a dream.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Phoenix celebrated their 55th anniversary.

It Happened 20 Years Ago

Six girls were in the running for Lehman May Queen: Betty Ide, Priscilla Abbott, Marie Beline, Sophie Kasko, Neva Edwards, and Marilyn Edwards.

At Dallas Township, Mildred Borton was to be crowned May Queen.

Kingston Township defeated the bond issue of \$50,000 for construction of an addition to the High School, to house music room and cafeteria, and take advantage of a State and Federal government appropriation for lunches. Dallas Township and Lehman were operating successful cafeterias. Beaumont also.

Library Auction was set for July 10, Lehman Horse-Show for July 3.

Dallas firemen were seeking for scrap. A drive for metal following closely on the heels of the annual Borough Clean-Up Day.

Kingston Township Vets contributed rare blood type for James Durkin, who needed almost daily transfusions. This was before the days of the Blood Bank and the Bloodmobile. Negative blood was hard to find.

Lehman and Jackson considered organization of a joint school board. Anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hilbert, 3rd.

Ross Township voted a \$30,000 bond issue for construction of a school to replace six one room schools.

It Happened 10 Years Ago

The Recession was not affecting growth of the area, real estate and building were both holding up.

Paul Monahan, retiring president of Back Mountain Toastmasters Club, passed the gavel to Gerald Dettmore.

William Florop was named manager of Natona Mills.

Mrs. Edwin Roth was named Mrs. Wyoming Valley, the third from the area. Former winners were Mrs. Charles Eberle and Mrs. Alva Eggleston.

Mrs. Milton Franks, Harveys Lake, rescued three men from drowning, casting a line from her motor boat and towing them ashore.

Hollycourt Starbright, Robinsin's Kennels, won at Timonium. Married: Mary Lou Weigel to Raymond C. Malkemes.

KEEPING POSTED

April 17: McCARTHY ADVOCATES DUMPING Dean Rusk to denote changes in policy. LBJ AND PARK of Korea, agree on policy, meeting in Honolulu. MAYOR DALEY tempers his pronouncement on "shoot to kill" in case of riot.

April 18: CHARGED WITH MURDER, Eric Galt. Warrant out for arrest of presumed slayer of Martin Luther King. NATION-WIDE PHONE STRIKE. LBJ AND EISENHOWER confer in California.

April 19: BOMBING MISSIONS, all below 19th Parallel, mount to 145. CREW OF PUEBLO on T-V. Looks like a carefully rehearsed program, with captain and all crew members saying they've been naughty boys, they won't do it again, please let us go home. Language stilted. UNITED STATES says it will not ransom the crew, it's blackmail. TORNADOES IN ARKANSAS, freak weather everywhere. ISRAEL AND JORDAN at it again. CABOT LODGE named Ambassador to West Germany.

Weekend: KOREAN INFILTRATION stepped up. UNITED STATES tells Hanoi Warsaw not acceptable for peace talks. What happened to that statement "Anywhere, anytime?" BANK RATES on the up and up. Higher rates, tighter money, to curb inflation. PHONE STRIKE CONTINUES. No hope of early settlement. Nation not hurting too much at present, because of automatic dialling systems. ERIC GALT identified as prison fugitive James Ray.

MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BROTHER says march on Washington will be "not to demand, but to command."

PLANE CRASH in Southwest Africa takes 122 lives. Big shipment of diamonds remains unrecovered. U THANT leans toward Paris as center for negotiation. Hanoi says it's either Warsaw or Cambodia, period.

RUSSIA, BRITAIN, U. S. combine efforts to halt nuclear arms expansion.

April 22: SHIRLEY TEMPLE, day-before-yesterday's darling of the films, still thinks she might like a political career. Grow up, Shirley, you're 40. BOMBER DOWN, presumably over Thailand. Much opposition to the fated 1-11 model.

April 23: METHODISTS AND U. B. join forces, largest Protestant denomination in the world, 11 million. VOLCANO IN PHILIPPINES erupts, inhabitants flee. U THANT INSISTENT that Paris is the spot for talks.

BOBBY KENNEDY puts on an old fashioned campaign among the Hoosiers, whistle stops, banjos, The Wabash Cannonball. USS INDEPENDENCE joins the swingers, abandons shuffleboard, girds itself to become the hottest thing in luxury liners.

IN CHICAGO, folks stand in line eight hours to buy tickets to pianist Horowitz concert. Who says culture is dinky? BUILD-UP of enemy forces around Khe Sanh and Hue.

BRITAIN ASKS total sanctions against Rhodesia. DOW-JONES AVERAGE up, stock market making good gains after slump. TORNADOES RAVAGE Midwest along Ohio River Valley, twelve known dead, hundreds homeless. Situation bad in Kentucky. MORE FIRING across Jordan.

April 24: UNITED NATIONS meet to discuss nuclear arms ban. NATION BEGINS TO HURT as telephone strike continues with no hope of early settlement.

You're Home Free At The Library

You're home free at Back Mountain Memorial Library today, if you have books which you have been putting off returning because they are long overdue.

All Greater Wyoming Valley libraries are cooperating in this drive to get books off your shelves and back to the library.

You can even drop your books off at any of the libraries, and they will be forwarded to the library where they belong.

Participating libraries are: Back Mountain Memorial, College Misericordia, Hoyt, King's College, Mill Memorial, Osterhout, Plymouth, West Pittston, Wyoming, Wilkes-College, and King's College.

Safety Valve

Sixth Grade, To Vietnam April 2, 1968 Republic of S. Vietnam S/Sgt. W. F. DeRemer RA 13594061 586th Signal Co. APO 96 294, San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir: I have been in Vietnam for the last 6 months, and I just received a number of letters from the 6th grade class of the Dallas Elementary school. I am asking you to please print my answer to all those letters, since it is almost impossible for me, time-wise, to answer them myself, one by one, as much as I would like to.

I also want to thank you for sending the Dallas Post over here, it is good to find out what is going on back home, so keep the paper coming.

Here is a list of the boys and girls, who wrote to me: Ellen Parker, Chip Koehl, Randy Kolb, George Otto, Bill Perry, Maureen Yakabornia, Chris Bittenbender, Megan Delaney, and Keith Gordon.

I really enjoyed your letters, and would love to hear from all of you again. But it is very hard, to answer that many letters. To answer some of the questions you have asked me,

The war is going as well as possible, the people over here have been, and are doing their best. We all believe in what we are fighting for, and will keep on doing so. We also know that most of the people back home, feel the same way, our country has always believed in freedom, and we have always fought for that belief, and we are doing so now. I will try to answer your letters as time permits, but right now a lot of things are happening over here, as you probably know

Safety Valve

April 8, 1968 WE'RE PROUD OF YOU April 10, 1968

Dear Editor: The Kiwanis Club of Dallas wishes to thank the entire staff of the Dallas Post for extra-ordinary coverage of our Music Festival.

Of fifty-six editors approached in a twelve county area, twenty-two offered advice and assistance in publicizing the Kiwanis Music Festival. We received many favorable spots in these papers - but it was the Dallas Post which week after week carried the Festival activities on page one.

Many of the contestants reported that their first knowledge of the contest came from items appearing in their newspapers.

Thank you, Vincent D. Roman Publicity Chairman

Editorial note: It's our town and our Kiwanis Club. We are proud of both.

Whose Responsibility?

To the Editor: We were shocked and disappointed to find on the Democratic ballot for the upcoming April 23 primary the name of a dead man, Edward A. Maziarz, listed first among the candidates for alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

There was no indication on the ballot that Mr. Maziarz had died on March 1st, and therefore could not be considered as a genuine candidate. State law provides that the endorsers of a candidate who dies before the primary can replace him before the primary with a new candidate. Although there has been plenty of time, the deceased has not been replaced. Instead, if Mr. Maziarz' name receives the most votes, the Democratic County Committee will appoint a substitute for him after the primary.

Editorial Note: Lots of precedent on this kind of thing. Was your Democratic committee on the ball? And if not, why not? Whose responsibility is it to inform headquarters? —Hix.

CARD OF THANKS

Harry Siglin and Clark Oliver wish to thank friends and neighbors for cards and gifts which they received while patients in General Hospital. They were appreciated and enjoyed.

Thank you again, boys and girls, knowing that the coming generation cares, helps a great deal. Yours truly S/Sgt. Bill DeRemer

Gentlemen: We read in your column "Only Yesterday" 30 years ago a note of the burning of the Schoonover gristmill at Center Moreland. This is very interesting to us as we have purchased the Schoonover Homestead adjoining the ruins of this gristmill. We have been told that this home was called the "Mill House." As we are vitally interested in any information about this property we wonder if you have any additional information on this home or mill.

Sincerely yours, William R. James April 5, 1968

Dear Sir: I received my first copy of the Dallas Post today. It really made me feel good and close to home as I read the paper.

I am Chief of Section of number 3 gun. I am new at the job and felt insecure, thanks to my men and the paper, my spirits are going full strong once again.

The Battery consists of five M-105 towed howitzers. The battery arrived in Vietnam October 1967. Our base camp is located 12 miles north of Chu Lai Air Force Base.

It is most likely that the material is very uninteresting. However, I feel much better talking about this place 10,000 miles from the "World" as the GI's refer to civilization as the U.S.A.

I appreciate receiving the Post and I'm impatiently waiting for the next copy.

Sincerely, Sgt. David T. Higgins Btry. B. 1st Bn. 14th Art. 198 Light Infantry Bde. APO San Francisco - 96219

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