

EDITORIAL

a compilation of comments and stuff

From Pillar To Post

the busing problem

Discussions about the busing of school children in Dallas have roared to a standstill while the children continue, day after day, to walk.

Repeated meetings have only turned into round robin affairs where concerned parents are referred by the school board to the borough officials and then to the township and then back to the school board. Apparently there is an ordinance or statute or law to cover every inanimate object from an amber blinker light to a ten-year old bus, but there are no rules or statutes to help the children who must cross the unsafe highways. Youngsters cannot face a truck traveling at 55 miles an hour and say, "Harrisburg says—" or "The State Police say—" or "your Congressman should—" The children have become the forgotten quantity in these discussions; they are known only as 26 Jones Street who may ride on the bus and 28 Jones Street who must walk.

The mile and a half banner, whether it is carried by officials or parents, should not become so important that we lose sight of the children in petty squabbles. This is not a matter of zoning or classification, it is a matter of lives. It seems redundant to note that each and every child is more important than fixing the blame for past mistakes. Mistakes have been made, and the time to correct them is now—not after a child has been killed.

Is it not possible to have a joint meeting of town, borough, school board and parents where all could work together to solve this knotty problem?

J.B.

a joint police force

Thirty years ago this month The Dallas Post launched a civic improvement campaign and included among its goals the centralization of local police service. As is all too evident, this goal was never achieved and the Back Mountain Community limps along today with the same inadequate, undermanned, and uncoordinated police protection it has had for nearly half a century.

At long last, there exists the very real possibility that a joint police service may become something more than a pipe dream.

At the request of government officials in Kingston Township, Dallas Borough and Dallas Township, the Institute of Regional Affairs of Wilkes College has prepared a carefully documented evaluation of police service in the three municipalities. This survey summarizes in a straightforward manner that the "police service problems of the three municipalities in the Dallas area can be alleviated or eliminated only by an effective type of joint police service, tailored to the conditions and the wishes of the residents and public officials."

In short, the survey has made crystal clear what informed Back Mountain residents have known for years: We must have a common police force.

The Institute's report includes detailed recommendations for the implementation of such a police force. These suggestions, though neither absolute nor perfect, represent a starting point from which our governing officials and public servants may begin in the admittedly difficult task of establishing a joint police service.

For the first time in years, the long sought after goal of truly adequate police protection is within grasp. To fail now in achieving this end would be a sad commentary indeed on our unwillingness and inability to work together for the common good.

S.M.

straight party

We see the straight party line vote going the way of the divine right of kings as a political philosophy. The only trouble is it is taking too long to go that way. One thing that might hasten it is the re-designing of voting machines to eliminate the straight ballot, so that individual levers would have to be pulled for candidates regardless of their party. There is no decision on candidates by voting all Republican or all Democratic. The machines should not only allow, they should encourage, individual decisions and should discourage votes to blind party loyalty by eliminating them. And at the same time re-design the machines so the votes could be made quickly.

H.H.N.

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by GENE AND MIRIAM GOFFIN

There are some things—opinions, comments, absurdities, gripes, etc.—that just don't warrant a full 20 inches of column space. As they pile up in our minds, we have to expel them to provide mental relief.

So, we invite you to a column structured as is the "Reader's Digest;" you can read each part on a separate day while you await next week's paper.

1. With the advent of the Interstate Highway and their wide median strips, drivers have forgotten the power of their highbeams. They drive along blinding people forgetting that although one may not be directly in front of them, one is still somewhere in front of them.

Pretty soon they completely forget what that switch on the floor does; what that little light on the dash means. They drive up behind you and nearly detach your retina when you look in the rearview mirror.

A few years ago a man shot and killed someone who was following him without lowering his lights. This was, without a doubt, justifiable homicide.

2. If Clement Haynesworth is the best Richard Nixon can come up with, if he is the best jurist in the nation's courts, the one with the least conflict of interest, what has happened to the quality of the legal profession? Is there no judge, lawyer, or anyone, better than Haynesworth?

3. We saw Christmas goodies in the stores in late September. 4. When few people were looking, the Senate approved Nixon's appointment to head the Federal Communications Commission.

The candidate, Dean Burch, was Barry Goldwater's man in

1964 to head the Republican National Committee. Burch was replaced in 1965 because of his ideology—it was felt the National Committee should be more objective.

One would expect Burch, an ultraconservative, to lead the FCC into dormance. If so, look to even greater submediocrity on radio and television; even greater communications monopolies between radio, television, the press and magazines.

If the media becomes more captive of big business, we will lose what objectivity is left. On the other hand, some observers have discovered populist tendencies in Burch. He may well be a true reactionary, wishing to eliminate monopoly in terms of the nineteenth century.

Thus Burch could seek to break up the communications monopolies that have already been created. An appointment that looked pro-business may turn out to be the opposite.

5. A trend is developing in the first names of president's wives. Ladybird's real first name was Claudia; Pat's real name is Thelma.

While this has no easily discerned significance, it may well mean that the next president's wife will also use a pseudonym. You guessed it—that's how we can know who the next president will be. We leave it to you to do further research on the matter.

6. The move toward federal tax reform started out as an attempt to close loopholes, reduce taxes for the very poor, and make the very rich pay taxes.

Now the tax reform bill and the proposals from the White House have become something-for-everyone bill. The Senate bill seems to give the biggest tax reductions to the rich; the White House seems to

want pretty much the same thing.

At least the administration seems to recognize that the something for everyone proposals will so reduce federal revenues so as to have a multifaceted effect.

First, the surtax may have to be continued simply as a revenue measure. Secondly, with the releasing of so much consumer income from taxes, inflation will get a new charge.

Thirdly, even if the war ends, with a tax reduction of the amount asked for in Congress, there won't be money for any needed programs such as cities, pollution and poverty.

The tax reform bill is a perfect example of a necessary and valid idea corrupted by Congressional politics. Congress, itself, often makes the best argument for its abolition.

7. An early sixties' movie, "Bye, Bye Birdie," showed the possible political impact a popular idol could have on the nation. The supposed death of Paul McCartney again demonstrated the power personality cults have.

Perhaps the best lesson is that even in a democracy, even one with a high level of education, people can still be subject to the "man-on-a-white-horse-syndrome" common to poor countries.

Were Ronald Reagan and George Murphy elected because people knew what they stood for? Or, more simply, because everyone is California recognized their names; because they represented glamour.

8. (A bonus in case you get next week's paper a day late.) One way to increase inflation is to produce items which have no ability to increase the productivity of the economy.

Bullets, for example. Military expenditures are much less efficient than civil expenditures because the former forces the

creation of new money instead of new productivity.

Thus a real help to Nixon in ending inflation would be ending the war.

Guest editorials

A column reprinting editorials from other weekly newspapers in the world.

(From The Argus-Champion, Newport, N.H.)

THE PRIZE

We won the race to the moon. We may not like the prize.

It is not \$25,000, like the prize for the first New York to Paris flight. It is not a medal. It is not a certificate. It is not two weeks in the Bahamas.

The prize we won is a responsibility.

We have clearly proved that there is nothing the United States of America cannot do—even putting man on the moon.

So the world has a right to expect us now to tackle a task considered even more impossible—putting love in human hearts.

The Right To Write

To THE POST:

A lot of publicity has recently been given by a local radio station and a local newspaper columnist to a number of "Rules for Revolution" which were allegedly discovered in Dusseldorf, Germany in 1919. After considerable research, we have finally tracked down the true source of this information. It was actually entitled "Rules for Getting Elected," and was discovered in the campaign headquarters of George Wallace in Montgomery, Ala. In continuous reprinting, the rules themselves were badly garbled, and as a public service we are presenting them here in their original form:

—Corrupt the young. Turn them into consumers—cars, clothes, guns, anything, so long as it makes a profit and keeps them from the evil of thought.

—Get control of all means of publicity.

—Get the people's mind off their real problems by focusing their attention on the world series, football games, and situation comedies.

—Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters such as how long they wear their hair.

—Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by pointing out that they are too cowardly to drop A-bombs or run over dissenters.

—Always preach true democracy, but run the country by senile seniority in the southern Senate.

—Encourage government extravagance in fighting wars all the world, thereby causing inflation and high taxes.

—Escalate every peaceful demonstration into a civil disorder, thus justifying any means for quelling it.

—Appeal to everybody's basest fears and hates, simultaneously telling them how high-minded and superior they are to everyone else with different complexions, hairstyles, etc.

—Let every kid, nut and idiot buy guns of any kind so they can have a real good old-fashioned shoot-out during the next recession.

THEODORE AND CORALIE COGSWELL Chinchilla

the right to write

To THE POST:

I quote the next to the last paragraph of your editorial, dated November 6 1969 "It is a sad comment when someone in a position of power such as Mr. Agnew enjoys becomes irresponsible in exercising that power. It seemed for a while that his 'fat jap' and 'pollack' days were over."

Now may I respond to the above. It is a sad comment when someone in a position of power such as a newspaper enjoys becomes irresponsible in exercising that power. It seemed for a while that this paper did not find it necessary to make ethnic references to get its point across.

WALTER SOWA Nanticoke

(Editor's note: The terms 'fat jap' and 'pollack' were expressions used by Mr. Agnew during his election campaign.)

To THE POST:

I would like to finish my thoughts of the Harveys Lake Borough, and I want no hard feelings with the officials, businessmen, and taxpayers of the Borough.

The fact is our high authority of 20 years was looking high in the mountain areas for pollution while the fishermen's shacks and sloop buckets were sinking below the water of our beautiful, spring-fed Harveys Lake.

I am one hundred percent with you folks. Let's work together. If I or many others of our community would have had the authority I'm sure we would have done differently. The Lord put us all here for a purpose, let's live up to it.

STERLING KOCHER Sorber Mountain

To THE POST:

I am writing to record my astonishment and dismay at

the announcement of Mrs. Hicks' departure from The Dallas Post. It is her news items and editorials which give The Post its personality and style. Her column is a weekly delight. Mrs. Hicks' forthright courage and concern for the community will be sorely missed. Can't something be done?

PATRICIA S. DAVIES RD4, Dallas

To THE POST:

We would like to thank on behalf of the boys and girls work committee of the Kiwanis Club of Dallas all who assisted us at our Halloween parade held Sunday Oct. 26.

We would like to especially thank the Dallas Township police and officials, Dallas Borough police and officials, all the judges from the school and service clubs, and the businesses who assisted.

Also a special thanks to the Music Performance Trust Fund through the cooperation of Local 140, American Federation of Musicians, for furnishing the Stegmaier Band gratis. Without a band what is a parade? Again we say thanks to those we may have unavoidably omitted.

DONALD S. ANTHONY, Co-chairman ERNEST H. THOMAS, Co-chairman

hands out of the mess.

Married: Alberta Himmler to James Oliver.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

An accidental discharge of firearms wounded William Schmidle, 18, on virtually the same location on Demunds Road where Byron Jones, 16, had been accidentally shot and killed half a year before.

D.T. Scott Jr., John Wardell, and Harold Eustice finished terms of office on the Dallas School Board.

Died: Dora Stacey, 75, Dallas; Mabel Billings, 74, Trucks-ville; Harriet Rauch, 78, Alder-son.

TEN YEARS AGO

Organization of Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department was unanimously approved by 75 citizens.

Eight Dallas women, all over 80, were guests at a card party given by Mrs. William F. Cairl Sr., 81. The guests were Mrs. Allie Morris, 85; Anna Avery, 85; Sarah Baker, 86; Amanda Yapple, 83; Amy DeWolfe, 80; Mrs. Morgan Wilcox, 80; Mary V. Rohrbach, 82.

Died: Mabel Bachman, Trucks-ville.

only yesterday

FORTY YEARS AGO

Kingston Township was to receive the services of a paid policeman. Probably starting salary was a whopping \$125—per month!

Playing one traditional Thanksgiving Day game on a snow-covered playing field, the Dallas Borough High School football squad defeated the Dallas Collegians 7-2.

A carload of Indiana mules purchased by William Bulford for resale to mine operators was given as evidence that the operators were expecting a greatly increased production of coal during the winter months.

Died: Harry A. Cassidy, 49, Lehman.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Marie Almedia Oberst, 56, was murdered by her 61-year old suitor Frank Glas, who then turned the revolver to his head and killed himself. Mr. Glas reportedly was despondent that his unemployment interfered with plans to marry the Harveys Lake widow.

Public opinion polls recorded that "more and more Americans seem to think that Europe's quarrels are Europe's business and that we must keep our



his frozen way up that endless wall of rock in the Alps, fumbling for a handhold, slipping agonizingly, recovering his balance, and forging steadily on again.

The character actors wear well. They do not rely on dimpled knees or doll-like faces, stalwart chests or a seat in the saddle. They rely on acting instead of their prowess in seducing the leading lady.

I've seen "The Mountain" on TV at least three times, and it still has the power to bring me breathless to the edge of my chair. Maybe Mr. Tracy's hands will slip this time. Maybe he won't make it. And maybe the no-good son of his will be able, this time, to reach the injured lady first, as she lies in the downed plane amid the frozen waster of the upper Alps. After all, Mr. Tracy is getting on, and could be he won't be able to effect a rescue this one more time.

It makes not a particle of difference that a movie camera is grinding away close at hand, that Mr. Tracy is in no danger of slipping. The illusion is perfect. This is acting... the ability to catch an audience up in a mood and carry it along to the breathless finish.

Good acting is forever. Baby stars are never permitted to grow up. They must remain dimpled and appealing, and when they inevitably lose their puppy charm, the image is gone.

What ever happened to Tugboat Annie? Marie Dressler was a character actor par excellence. And Hard-hearted Herbert? That was in the days before every movie had to show overtones of deviation or a torrid bedroom scene in living color. You could take the kids to a Tugboat Annie movie, buy them a candy bar at the shop in the theatre lobby, and sit back to enjoy the film, with no uneasy suspicion that they'd be taking aboard a mess of stuff that couldn't do them any possible good at their age.

You didn't have to look furtively around the audience to see who was blushing.

U-huh, I'm a genuine square, a sort of a square egg-head. I like good acting. I don't need instruction in odd angles of sex. Anybody who is seventy-seven years old and has had five children, plus numerous grandchildren, is acquainted with the facts of life.

There was an even time when the small star wore a bridge to cover the lack of front teeth, a dodge which is customarily reserved for the aging, well after the period at which the baby incisors are normally shed.

Dimples and curls eventually gave way to long legs and the advance of adolescence, and the darling of the screen retired, but not until she had amassed a considerable stack of this world's wealth, enough, when invested, to support here in luxury for the rest of her life.

Stars come, and stars go, the Mary Pickfords and the Douglas Fairbanks, the Shirley Temples and the idol of the bobbysockers. Some day, somebody will inquire, "The Beatles? Who on earth were the Beatles?"

But the late late show will still see Spencer Tracy making

The Dallas Post Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, 1969, in observance of Thanksgiving Day, which according to postmaster Edward Buckley, is a legal holiday.

There will be no delivery of mail on the city or rural routes and no window service will be provided. Special deliveries will be made in the city delivery area. Collection will be made from the boxes at the post office and patrons who have lock-boxes will have access to them in the lobby of the building.

'MIND IF WE WALK YOU THERE?'

