about safety?

AEC out of hand

The AEC has gone too far.

Pretty nice, having the Li-

brary open on Mondays, as well

as Tuesday, Wednesday, Thurs-

day, Friday and Saturday. Longer hours too, starting at

9:30 instead of 12:30, with of

course open house on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Newcomers to the area can

not be expected to understand

the giant step forward which this new schedule signifies,

for they have not taken part in the struggle, twenty-five

years ago, to get a library

'DON'T WORRY-THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO DO IT RIGHT!



equisite curiosity.

stunned silence.

and from our group came gasps

and ejaculations and simple,

He had never wanted to be

for the job? It was funny, really

to watch this special, strangled

Then the next broadcast about

the Vietnam decision, and peev-

ish attacks at critics and sneers

at advisers! The final seance

with Cronkite comes May 2, on

the Dallas assassination. Hea-

rights bill to a joint night ses-

sion of Congress, March 15,

Yes, here is where I toted up

interruption and a cross-bar for

He was making a tremendous

'And these enemies, too,' he

jected to the audience and the

said. "Poverty, disease and

ignorance—weshallovercome."

largely attributable to the utili-

zation of our natural resources

by industry in the form of

under the capitalistic system.

This system, frankly using the

profit motive, developed the

tools and technology which pro-

duced the goods and services

that have made every class of

our society, better off than any

The kings and emperors of

ancient history held more

power than today's rulers, but

they didn't have air condition-

ing, zippers, rapid transporta-

tion, good sanitation and in-

sect control or even thermal

underwear. If they got sick,

the best medical men avail-

able couldn't cure the gout or a

lot of other minor ills that

made life miserable. Communi-

cation was slow and not very

realiable, which most of the

time was a blessing as people

couldn't know what each other

were doing, so couldn't get

worked up about anything but

local problems. It made govern-

The middle classes were far

less well off and as for the

slaves, we don't even have them

So what has the public shown

American industry in the way

of gratitude for all the good

I'll answer my own question

by pointing out that industry

has been blamed for everything

from the war in Vietnam to an

empty beer can along the high-

of this is at our own doorstep.

converted a practically empty

The coal mining industry, which

valley into beautiful buildings, a

comfortable living for millions

the citizens is now attainted

and better public services for

A particularly good example

things they have brought us?

in present day America.

ing easier.

comparable class in history.

country. It was magnificent.

five. 40 times in all.

The first plant was built almost completely with government money. Then the second, the third and fourth, all heavily subsidized by Uncle Sam. Now, however, we've come to a rude awakening. Everytime we build one, it is more costly than the last, with the consumer and taxpayer taking the gouging, if not through high power rates, as is usually the case, then certainly through tax dollars going into electric power subsidies.

EDITORIAL

With planning talks now going on regionally re-

There is little question that more power is

garding a fast breeder type nuclear reactor to be

built on the upper Susquehanna River, it might be

well to first consider the economics of the situa-

going to be needed in coming years. But is that

point to outweigh all others regarding the installa-

tion of these type facilities, other than the trivia

some years back was that if a nuclear power plant

could be built, even at taxpayers' expense, and

though costly, the second one would be cheaper.

The third one should be even more economical,

they figured, and so on. But that theory has not

The theory of the Atomic Energy Commission

Now the whole situation is out of control.

The AEC, to maintain its very existence, has insisted that nuclear power plants are the thing to have around. Little or no consideration is given to the idea of direct conversion of coal to electricity, or the use of the vast oil shale deposits, or even the prospects of geothermal steam. Nuclear power is the only way to fly, the money-grubbing president? He knew he was unfit power boys tell us.

We are in a bind to produce enough electricity to meet future demands partly because the power companies have failed in past years to spend any substantial amounts on research and development. But no one seems to care as long as Uncle Sam continues to pick up the tab.

Milton Shaw, AEC's reactor development director, has said that the government has already spent \$400 million on the new-type fast breeder reactor, with an additional \$2 billion yet to go into research and development before these reactors are perfected.

Thus shouldn't some discussion be prompted to ask just how much those first batch of kilowatts from the Susquehanna reactor are going to moral appeal and his fervor pro-

. . . and a uranium trespass

Meanwhile, out on the vast open stretches of public domain on the Colorado Plateau, a gigantic uranium steal is being perpetrated against the thissa 'n thatta:

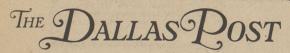
Thousands of acres of uranium rich land, still in public ownership, and under the administration of the U.S. Interior Department, are in jeopardy or have already been lost to a group of powerful private interests.

Some years ago when the uranium boom began to create havoc in the West, many phony and illegal mineral claims were staked by speculators on lands which had been withdrawn from mineral entry with AEC sanction.

Later, however, various mineral corporations, including Union Carbide and Chemical, Vadium Corporation of America and American Metals Climaz, acquired some of these old phony claims, and began extracting the rich uranium ore from Mother Earth, in an obvious trespass. The situation still exists today.

Thus far at least \$20 million worth of the rare material has been extracted, in obvious violation of the law. And some of the uranium has been sold right back to Uncle Sam. But the problem is that Interior is hampered in getting the Justice Department to bring legal action against the companies, when the AEC opposes such a move, and continues to condone such a trespass while hiding behind the hue and cry of national defense.

Our entire economy and the American way of life, it seems, is based upon waste and obsolescence. This will have to be changed in the years ahead to assure a quality environment, with emphasis on protection of the public interests.



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Lyndon Johnson was about to ho! Somehow we had thought break his year's silence and we all sat or squatted in the years silence simpler and Columbia TV studio for the quieter, to be perhaps a moral advance showing, 30 or more, and most of us had journeyed nation had a politically-con-tion with LBJ to the wars. scious ex-president capable of Some liked him and some loathed him, but all now had Harry Truman for a while, and

the books tell of Teddy. The larger-than-life figure appeared with Walter Cronkite of greatness.

And here, over the tube, was a man living in the embittered Carswell editorials. past, seeking only self-justifi-

ing what to say. But being journalists they covered it with a veil of jokes and cynicism.

So we must come to terms with what we have—the Nixon Administration. Mr. Nixon isn't going before Congress to make an emotional appeal for civil practice you get the trick. rights. He fancies himself on And so I fished out my notes foreign affairs and that may be of five years ago, jotted as his dish, though probably his Johnson pleaded for a voting reputation will not rest on the 40,000 words of platitudes and tapioca of his first "State of the by Murray Chotiner, who man-World" message.

Mr. Nixon is one of the most applause, with a stroke for each solitary and self-analytical of our presidents. His wooing of the Democrat to Communism. South led him to nominate two crashing nonentities to the high

Louis Pollak, dean of the Yale Law School, testified that Judge Carswell had "more slender credentials than any nominee for the Supreme Court put History, remember that. High-forth in this century.

many of which were in no sense

the fault of the mining industry.

These ills were foreseeable

when coal was king because the

benefits from coal extraction

plainly outweighed the evils

Now that the anthracite in-

dustry is not of much economic

importance, the bad effects are

still with us and serve petty

politicians as a bloody shirt to

wave in front of the voters who

do not remember or never knew

the prosperity which initially

provided the money and means

for their own rise in the

This hue and cry is not only

ungrateful, but unfair; so un-

fair that there is manifest an

effort to put the mine operators

The means being used is to

demand that the coal compan-

ies stop polluting the state's

streams by allowing mine water

(untreated mine water, to be

exact) to enter them. This

sounds very simple and would

be, except that it is impossible

to do it and still stay in busi-

Actually, it is impossible in

any case, because if a coal

mine shuts down, the mine

water will rise inside the mines

until it runs over and into the

streams and no power on earth

can make a bankrupt coal op-

erator produce millions of

dollars to construct and oper-

ate a mine water treatment

plant. Possibly the state could

afford it because the state pos-

sesses the legal power to take

every last dime from the rest

of us to spend for anything the

fanatical conservationists are

The latest objective of the

anti-pollution lobby is the

screaming for.

for annoyance from surface sub- Wanamie Colliery near Nanti-

out of business entirely

Until recently, it was easily sidence, pollution of the atmos-

seen and generally conceded phere, for unclean streams, for

that the growth and prosperity a general loss of natural beauty

of the American people was and for other shortcomings,

large corporations working and bothered people very little

attendant.

And on school desegregation that he might come out of his its enemies have taken another scalp, Leon Panetta, resigned head of HEW's Office of Civil factor. It is long since the Rights, the enforcement sec-

An odd strain runs through moving crowds; there was Mr. Nixon's long political career. We were reminded of it the other day in a letter to The This one, too, had attributes Washington Post by William Rehnquist, assistant Attorney General, replying to two anti-

Rehnquist asked if The Post wanted a restoration of the The crowd of reporters came Warren Court's "liberal majorout into the night hardly know- ity" with "further expansion of the constitutional rights of criminal defendants, of pornographers and of demonstrators.'

An attack on Carswell, you see, implied that you favored pornographers. Rather far-

It traces back a long way. Find the thing the public hates most and then associate your opponent with it.

The technique was instituted aged Mr. Nixon's Senate campaign in 1950 and created the "Pink Sheet" that linked the

Mr, Chotiner, whose private lobbying for two clients in 1956 brought a Senate investigation, is back in the picture again, a \$36,000-a-year government lawyer, who traveled to San Clemente recently, and is one of

Mr. Nixon's few intimates. Mr. Nixon used the technique

coke, which employs about

600 men and has been pro-

ducing wealth in the form of

wages and taxes. This mine has

been directed to stop pumping

mine water into the Susque-

hanna or shut down. It has not

yet done so as it will have its

day in court to protest. What it

is really protesting is confisca-

tion of its property without due

When the commonwealth

takes land by the right of emi-

nent domain for the purpose

of building roads or govern-

seizure and it seems to me

that when it takes a coal

mine, it should be under the

Nothing that I write is to be

interpreted as saying that all

corporations and mines are

always perfect. Of course they

aren't. Being directed by

human beings it is impossible

and I don't think that even the

angels could please everybody;

still. I spent most of my life

working for big mining com-

panies and have always felt

that the injustices were greatly

tice and kindness and being as

I said, managed by people,

very often showed signs of hav-

Criticizing the acts of a cor-

poration that has the top obli-

gation of making a profit in

with a little more fairness.

to close friends.

ing a heart.

outweighed by the acts of jus-

what it amounts to.

same obligation.

by THE GAFFER

on various platforms; against Adlai Stevenson ("a Ph. D. all right, from the Acheson college of Cowardly Communist Containment''); or Truman "When the Eisenhower Administration came to Washington we found in the files a blue-

print for socializing America.") War opponents, intellectuals, Eastern Establishment, NY Times, young people, authors of "dirty movies," permissive parents, "supercilious sophisticates," colleges that give quota admissions to blacks, anyone different from you and me, and particularly me. Deepening unemployment may stoke the hate. Who will bring us together

Guest editorials

A column reprinting editorialsfromotherweekly newspapers in the world.

From Vineyard Gazatte, Martha's Vineyard, Mass.)

One reads in the city newspapers now about happenings, and the word apparently describes one more phase of the negativism of the new far-out cult that has succeeded the previous far-out cults. A happening is really a non-event out of which some non-importance is strung on a thin thread of cir-

A happening of much interest to us this past week has been the blooming of the buttercups. In the context of modern life and pre-occupation this might be classed as a non-event, but nature's progression will not be so easily dismissed. Apparently the technologically oriented and sharpened interests of most people have gone beyond the evolutionary stage at which buttercups could be appreciated. To face the matter squarely, all of us are in some respects or in some degree far out,—even children. Show the average child a buttercup and he knows already that it really isn't anything.

compensation, because that is But it really is something. Long gone is the simple time when, every June, it was traditional to hold buttercups under the chin of some companion to observe the reflected glow that ment buildings, it has to pay a would mean he or she liked just compensation for the butter. We would not press for a revival of this practice, but the buttercups in the uncut fields are as decorative as they always were, especially if cows stand

knee deep among them. To some passers-by these fields communicate as always, conveying the warmth and the familiar greeting of early summer. To others they should at least suggest a glowing irresponsibility, and here there may be a link to those more modern happenings which have the irresponsibility without the gold.

(From the Plaindealer, Sparta, Ill.)

> HIGH COST OF PAPERWORK

A recent survey has indicated order to stay in business is a that it costs businessmen some very easy matter. The critics \$1,750,000 per year to do the should weigh things a little paperwork required by governbit and after weighing the fact ment. As an example, the averthat the alternative to our corage time required for filling porations is state ownership, out forms for federal reports treat the producers of our wealth alone was found to be 33 minutes per month per employe. State ownership of business State forms required 24 minutes. is the keystone of the com-Red tape is the inevitable remunist countries. Not only sult of big government. There doesn't it work well, but criseems to be some thought that tics within those countries have we may be getting more governto speak in a whisper and only ment than we have time for or can afford.

started in an area which had none, where book lovers had to go to Kingston or Wilkes-Barre to borrow books. There was the most tremendous enthusiasm when the

Library, through the pages of the Dallas Post, was first proposed. It had been the goal of a growing community for a number of years before it became a reality. Residents realized that a library would add status to the area, real estate dealers hailed it as one more talking point in the sale of building lots and homes in the hills, school systems were enthusiastic.

Almost at once the borough school seized upon the opportunity to instill during the early years of education the habit of going to the Library, of looking it up in the dictionary, of laying the foundations for broader cultural horizons. Children visited the new library in classroom groups, were permitted to take home books, enjoyed the thrill of having their names entered as borrowers, learned how to take care of reading matter, returned to their classrooms after an enjoyable hour. They call it enrichment these days. There were a great many

one-room schools twenty-five years ago. These were not neglected. All over the countryside children were on the lookout for the "Library Lady," and when Miss Lathrop's car drew up outside, there was a concerted rush for the books, big boys battling for the honor of carrying in the heavy boxes to a beaming teacher. The books were almost literally devoured, passing from hand to hand before the next visit. The books came back to the library in a weak and run-down condition, but Miss Lathrop, now assisted by volunteer helpers, patched them up and readied them for a trip to another school out in the hinterlands.

It took a great deal of planning for proper selection of books for the one-room schools in the correct place elementary grades, and children ranged in age from six years up to the late teens, before the day of the consolidated schools. So

story books, tales of history. science, a balanced diet for the children. It was a labor of love. Miss Lathrop could have remained in the library building, waiting for the children to come to her, but she preferred to go to them, and build up, on their own home grounds, a love of books.

The Story Hour flourished. On Saturday mornings the library was crowded with children. Dusty was a frequent visitor. Dusty was the huge St. Bernard dog, a dilapidated creature, but loving. His picbreathlessly to say she'd seen and responsibilities.



Dusty, and wasn't it fun, those story hours, and could she ever have been so small, sitting there in the picture with her feet hanging?

A good many of the children of Dallas grew p in the library, regarding it as a second home. Those children are now bringing their own children to the Library. Dusty is long gone, and his picture no longer appears, but children. even grown-up children, have long memories, and they remember

The Library grew up, just as the children did, and it expanded into two buildings instead of one. But it kept its atmosphere, a warm welcome. no tiptoeing, no classic tightlipped librarian with a finger raised in admonition. This is a library where a child or an adult can feel completely at home, whether selecting a picture book or accumulating material for the term paper, hunting up a quotation, or atching up on the latest issue of

With the new system of interlibrary loans, Mrs. Davern is now able to order anything from participating libraries. If it isn't on hand, she can get it with the minimum of delay. There are tables where volumes can be spread out and a student can work at leisure.

There is no longer the necessity for carting books to rural schools. The one-room schools have disappeared, and yellow school buses take the children to consolidated schools. But all schools of the Back Mountain can still call upon the Back Mountain Memorial Library for additional books.

"It must be marvelous to have the kind of a job where you just sit at a dook and hand out books," a thought frequently expressed by the thoughtless, is a familiar myth. There is more to it than meets the eye. Who mends the books, who selects the books, who puts the books back on the shelves looks up quotations when some harried soul calls on the telephone?

"I've gotta book, what do I want with a library?" is a though that is less frequently voiced these days, but it used to be standard.

A good library is the cornerstone of a good community. It is an institution to be jealously guarded and cherished. And

supported. It takes money to run a

library, not all of it for books. There are salaries to be considered, maintenance, fuel. utilities. The annual Auction has been the mainstay ever since it was launched trial balloon in the mid orties, but it can no longer carry ture appeared periodically in the load. The municipalities the paper, lying at the feet of must now assume part of the the small children in the front burden, and this means millrow. Every time he appeared age. A very modest millage in print, some child, now in is all that is asked. To comhigh school, would dash in munity must now face facts

FORTY YEARS AGO Frank Morris was displaying

a giant egg measuring 91/4 by 71/4 inches. The egg had been laid by a hen belonging to Kirk McCarthy.

Thirty irate citizens of Noxen and Beaumont, enraged by road conditions in their areas were protesting to Wyoming County authorities.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Grocery prices were lovely: chuck roast cost 15 cents per lb.; lettuce cost 15 cents for two heads, and butter was two pounds for 63 cents.

"Woven in the Sky," a book of poetry written by Sister TEN YEARS AGO Miriam of the English department at College Misericordia,

was published. TWENTY YEARS AGO

new restaurant adjacent to the of the drama were "Exciting."

new Acme store in central Dallas. When completed, it would be occupied by Bowman's Restaurant, now located of Main Street. A knotty-pine interior would carry out the Early American theme.

Thirty local people took civil service examinations at Dallas Borough High School, seeking appointment as enumerators for the 1950 census.

Mrs. Joseph Schmerer was appointed by the Book Club to head Library Auction solicita-

Lee Tracy, an actor with relations living in the Back Mountain, opened in "Best Man," a play by Gore Vidal. Excavation was begun for a According to The Post, reviews