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EDITORIAL VIEWS AND COMMENT

In one of the daily press syndicated columns we noted the other day, was a story of a small, grass-grown island off the coast of California where some one released a few pairs of common wild rabbits which thrived and multiplied in the usual way. It seemed a paradise for rabbits for there were no enemies to devour them and the food supply was apparently unlimited. But they became too numerous; they ate the bark from the shrubs and the shrubs died; they ate the grass and scratched up the roots. And they died of starvation.

We, the people, are much the same as the rabbits. The natural resources of our own North Cambria County, for instance, is an example, but it really is no different from most every other section of our country. People always look to the present, with the thought that the future will take care of itself. What our forefathers have done in innocence, and what we are doing in pure selfishness, and with only the thought of financial gain, can make things a

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Flinton -
 By MISS DORA HOCKENBERRY

Reade Twp. High Class Graduates Last Tuesday

The 47th Annual Commencement Exercises of Reade Twp. High School were held in the school auditorium last Tuesday, May 25, at 8:15 p. m. Class flower was the tea rose; the motto, "Tonight We Launch Where Shall We Anchor"; and colors, scarlet and white.

Class officers were: President, Laura Conrad; vice president, Donna Michaels; secretary, Verna Fiedor, treasurer, Henry Rafacz, and sponsor, Nevill Schuler. The class consisted of 30 students.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rupert, Mrs. Nannie Miller and daughter Mrs. Mabel Chamberlain and son David of Buffalo, N. Y., were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gens and Mr. George Swartz of Flinton.

Miss Betty Lou Gens of Washington, D. C., is spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gens of Flinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Yahner and children were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gens and Mr. Swartz of Flinton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leiden of St. Lawrence spent Sunday evening among relatives and friends here.

The commencement program: Overture; Coxy Irwin's Orchestra, Altoona; invocation, Rev. R. L. Snyder; selection, orchestra; "Fulfillment Lies Within" Mary Lou Troell; selection, orchestra; "For Mankind's Welfare," Eugene Davis; selection; "Knowledge Is Not Enough," Dr. Orva Lee Ice, writer, radio commentator and lecturer; selection; presentation of diplomas, Mr. Lloyd Troxell, secretary board of education, and benediction, Rev. R. L. Snyder.

In late years even a much greater abuse of our good farming lands of this area has been noted. In this case, too, it has been for financial gain, for a lust of temporary time alone, at the expense of years and years of the future. It is the devastation that has been wrought by the strip-mining industry to so many of our one-time farms, now unsightly piles of clay, interspersed with deep ravines, and with nature despoiled to a degree that even ravages of a battlefield could not obtain. That this could have happened to us is possible only because a capitalistic-minded state legislature was too weak-kneed to establish laws with sufficient teeth to compel the strippers to secure this coal in a manner that would leave the land again fertile and presentable. It could have been done, but it wasn't.

Have you driven over the road that leads from Fritz's corner, above Hastings, to the intersection at No. 9 slope, at Spangler, in the past couple of years? Here one can witness from an automobile seat, what can happen a beautiful country-section, once fine farming community, after the strip-miner has had his day, and departed. It presents a damnable bit of evidence of how we combat the destroy nature's gift to mankind—our soil. None of us now living will see the day when this area again will be productive in the plants and trees, and the tillable soil for which the Creator intended.

We have no fault to find with the strip miner, nor with the farmer who sold his land for the mutilation that happened. Probably, had opportunity been given us, we would have been at the same game. The point in mind is that we all are doing everything we can do exhaust our resources as fast as we can, and seem happy in doing it.

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Mrs. Rose Sprague of Johnsons town is spending several days here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lobick and children spent the week end visiting in Cleveland, O.

Mrs. Philip Demi and Mrs. Willard Demi were Johnsonstown callers on Saturday.

Mrs. Rachel McGaughy entertained her cireh club last Tuesday. Prizes were awarded Mrs. Philip Demi, Mrs. Ann Baker and Mrs. Willard Demi.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dumm and son, Charles, visited relatives in Patton on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tindiglia of Cresson visited at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Salberg, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Costonis and daughter, Marcia, spent the past week end visiting relatives in Huntingdon.

Mrs. Kathryn Logue visited in Pittsburgh recently.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the sub-district will hold its annual banquet at the Methodist Church Monday evening, June 14.

Miss Betty Baker, Mrs. Ann Baker and Rita Lantz motored to Johnsontown last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boothman and children were visitors at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wagner, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Derricott and daughter, Reading visited at the Thomas Greene home here on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hopkins of Johnsontown were week end guests at the home of the lady's mother, Mrs. Ella Logue.

The VFW gave treats to the children Memorial Day at the VFW Home here. The Auxiliary treated the band at the Fire Hall with ice cream, sandwiches and soft drinks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gormish are the proud parents of a baby boy born at the hospital May 26. Mrs. Gormish is the former Helen Culver.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Elliot are the parents of a baby boy born at the hospital Memorial Day. Mr. and Mrs. Elliot recently moved here from Henderson, N. C., and are now residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Elliot.

Mrs. John Stine of Altoona spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Marie Falger.

Mr. and Mrs. James Weaver and family of Duncansville visited relatives here over the week end.

Mrs. Jane Peterman
 Mrs. Jane W. Peterman, widow of Dr. J. H. Peterman, of Cherry Tree, died in the Miners Hospital at Spangler on Wednesday night of last week of a fractured skull suffered when she fell down the steps in her home last Wednesday afternoon. The unconscious 78-year old woman was found by a neighbor at the foot of the steps. Her son, Dr. James Peterman, a specialist at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., was immediately notified but arrived at the hospital after his mother had died. In addition to the son, two daughters survive.

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FALLEN TIMBER

Miss Carol Van Seyoc of Van Ormer, Misses Cora and Mary Glass, Mrs. Howard F. Glass, Mrs. Carl A. Campbell Jr., Mrs. Michael Matish and Mrs. Earl Kopp attended a regular meeting of the Coalport Rebekah Lodge Monday evening.

Mrs. Chris Perrott and children of Salem, O., spent the past week visiting at the home of the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell J. Lovell.

Mrs. Francis Gates and daughter, Linda Lou, visited Wednesday with Mrs. Gates' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Mulhollem of Glasgow.

Mrs. Welda Landrus visited in Bellwood on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Garman of New Jersey visited Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Stout of Williamsburg visited Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley G. Kriss.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to each of the seniors from here receiving diplomas at Reade Twp. High Tuesday evening, May 25. They were: Misses Adeleen Mackey, Ethyl Jean Lovell and Helen Potter and Messrs. Herbert Rutter and Henry Rafacz.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conrad and son, Robert, of Altoona visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Jr. home last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Rosie Simmers visited Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Conrad of Hollentown.

Mr. Benjamin Jenkins a student at the University of Buffalo, N. Y., spent several days visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Jenkins.

Mrs. Earl P. Kopp, Misses Connie and Diana and Master Kenneth Burkett visited Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Hilbrand of Dysart.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Connelly of Portage were week end guests at the home of the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus Glass.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Reiter and children of Coalport visited Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Campbell Jr. home.

Miss Florene Troxell of Buckreef Beach, Va., spent several days here with the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Kough.

Mrs. Alex Dawson was a Friday caller in Coalport.

William B. Edmiston, employed in Pittsburgh, spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Edmiston, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Potter and children of Vestal, N. Y., spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Mackey and son of Elm Grove, W. Va., spent several days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mackey home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crist of Dysart visited Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Buddie home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beers and daughters of Lisbon, O., spent the week end visiting the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Kriss.

Jack B. Kough and Lafayette Beers of Akron, O., spent the week end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Kough.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen A. Gray and son of Akron spent the week end visiting at the home of Mrs. John C. Hahn.

Dean Locals

Rev. Father Sanders Has 25th Anniversary

Rev. Father H. Gerald Sanders, pastor of St. Mary Magdalen's Catholic Church Frugality, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on June 3. Father Sanders, a former member of St. Agnes' Parish, Cassandra, attended St. Francis College and Seminary, Loretto. He has been in charge of the Frugality Parish since February, 1941.

During the seven years immediately preceding he served as Chaplain in CCC camps in Bedford County. Previously he had been Assistant at a number of diocesan parishes, having served lengthy periods at St. Mary's, in Hollidaysburg, and Our Lady of Lourdes, Altoona.

The Parish will observe the anniversary on Thursday of this week a free dance in the evening will conclude the celebration. It will be held in the Church hall.

Dean Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bergamachi and children, Frances, Doris, Leroy and Richard, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jacobs and son, James, attended the graduation exercises of the Cresson High School on the school grounds on May 28. Miss Patty Jacobs, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, was a member of the graduation class.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reghetti and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Swires spent Monday morning in Coupon.

The children of the Dean grade school attended the Memorial Day Parade at Ashville on Monday morning.

Mr. Peter Lawson spent Sunday at the Leslie Reghetti home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Swires and son, Donald, spent Sunday at the Howard Swires home.

An old fashioned dance, held at the Frugality church hall Sunday evening, was a huge success.

Miss Mary Johnston is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnston and family spent Sunday at the Harry Johnston home. The visitors reside at Blandburg.

Mr. Howard Swires of Dean visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coulter on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bergamachi and children, Frances, Doris, Leroy and Richard motored to Clairton on Sunday where they visited friends and relatives.

Mr. James Kittell of Pittsburgh and Robert Synn of Altoona visited with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coulter on Sunday morning. Mr. Kittell is Mrs. Coulter's uncle.

Mrs. Tony Boito spent several hours visiting at the Coulter home on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Funicelli and Mr. and Mrs. Fortunato Funicelli were Sunday callers with relatives and friends in Coupon.

Lieut. JG and Mrs. Raymond Shoehr and daughter, Joyce of Norfolk, Va., spent the week end at the Candido Rossa and Fontanella homes.

Students who attend Cresson High School ended the school term on Friday, May 28. The Dean Grammar School term ended Tuesday, June 1, and the Primary school school term 2.

Rev. Edward L. Dongell

Rev. Edward L. Dongell, aged 42 years, of Barnesboro R. D., died on Wednesday evening of last week following a heart attack. He was doing some work about the lawn of his home at the time he was stricken. His wife was at his side when he collapsed.

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MAY REALTY DEALS HIGH

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and Mrs. Arthur Field, both of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Alexander Ross of Akron, O.; Miss Ruby Dongell, and a niece reared by the family, Miss Ruth Price, both of Bakerton.

Services were held on Saturday afternoon with prayer in the Dongell Home followed by services in the Methodist Church, Bakerton, in charge of the Rev. H. C. Van Wormer and Dale Brannen. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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