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## EDITORIAL COLUMN

Devoted to the Current Topics of the Day

### OUR TANNING INDUSTRY

Once a flourishing industry which followed the sound of the lumberjack's axe and then settled down contentedly in the neighborhood of the great lumbering operations of Northeastern Pennsylvania where cheap bark could be easily obtained, the tanning industry now has but two outposts in this section; one at Tunkhannock and the other at Noxen.

Ordinarily these plants have remained steadfast while their weaker neighbors have passed out of existence with the decline of the lumbering interests which fostered them. Their stacks have belched smoke, their whistles echoed throughout the hillsides and their yards and beam houses have been the centres of industry which employed hundreds of men and boys while their less stalwart neighbors grew silent leaving only rotting buildings and silent, lonely stacks as evidence of once thriving tanneries and ambitious little communities.

Now, however, the Tunkhannock plant of the Elk Tanning Company is closed and its fires drawn while its husky companion, the big Armour plant at Noxen, is working on three-quarter time. Present day plants are no longer affected by depletion of bark supplies or proximity to lumbering operations. Like other great industries fashion and style play a greater part in their prosperity than nearness to a base of supplies. In recent years the introduction of substitutes for leather, composition soles for men's work shoes and reptile skins for women's shoes, have played havoc with an erstwhile stable industry.

Despite the fact that the output of shoes was larger in 1928 than in 1927, the consumption of leather made from cattle hides was smaller. Curtailment of demand for shoes, therefore brought a decline in the price of cattle hides. Prices have declined sharply during the past year. The average price of 12 grades of packer hides at Chicago is now 13 1/4 cents as against 22 cents a year ago. Leather companies were put at a disadvantage by the decline in the price of leather made from high-priced hides and raw hide prices steadily declined so that purchase of new stock on a falling market was a gamble. Leather companies made less money in 1928 than in 1927. It is doubtful whether the situation will be improved in 1929 although cattle hides are probably now at the bottom of the decline and some recovery may occur.

### PENALTY OF POVERTY

All of us who are too poor to keep an average of \$100.00 in our respective bank on checking account, are paying a monthly service of 50c a month. Capital has received a return. It is just another of the penalties in life for the man without the money.

### TEETH IN JONES ACT

At least we have a federal prohibition act that has some teeth in it. The non-law abiding citizens and foreigners did not seem to mind paying a fine but 30 to 90 day visit to jail is not so pleasant and carries a little too much publicity. We all have a considerable more self-respect when we become truly law-abiding folks. President Hoover has our whole-hearted approval for the courage of his convictions and courage of his oath to uphold the law.

### THE HEALTH PROGRAM

The health program under the supervision of the county superintendent of schools is deserving of commendation. It has possibilities that certainly ought to be encouraged in every district for the benefit of the students whose physical training is just as important as the mental advancement their studies bring.

Educators realize now that the body as well as the mind must be improved. There is no better place to accomplish this than in the schools, for there the youngsters are forming the habits that govern their lives.

Health, after all, is the all-important thing. Education has its good points, but they amount to so little if he body is no able to take advantage of knowledge.

There are so many ailments that are ignored in children. The teeth and the eyes are among the more common sources of trouble that are receiving the attention they deserve as a result of the campaign by the school authorities.

While the schools have accomplished considerably within recent years, they merely have scratched the surface. There is so much more they might do when one considers that there are so few students who measure up to the ideal standard. While no official check has been made, it has been estimated that only one in thirty is the present average. When the figures are reversed and one out of thirty does not fulfill the requirements, then the health program will have accomplished its purpose.

### FOCH AND THE HIGH HONORS

Much that should have been said has been said of Foch, the great chief-tain of the World War. We hear his praise from all the nations except possibly Germany, which resented his brusque manner at the forest of Compiegne, at the signing of the Armistice. The reaction is natural. If however, they had scanned again the pages of the peace after the struggle between France and Germany in 1870 he might not have found any particularly sweet courtesy then extended by conquerors to conquered.

When in history has it come about that the body of a beloved hero has been more honored than in the case of Marshall Foch. First in Notre Dame historic cathedral, and vivid with memories of great scenes of all centuries later than the tenth; then the procession to the Arc de Triomphe and the lying in state in that place of reverence and awe near the body of the Unknown Soldier; then finally, repose for all time under the dome of the Invalides, closely neighboring the remains of Napoleon. France has done all honor possible.

One likes to remember of Foch that he assumed and managed the highest command in the gigantic struggle without incurring the jealousy or enmity of any nation or of any other great commander. He and Haig, and Joffre, and Pershing were ever on most cordial terms. Another thing comes with fine flavor and that is recalling the Foch quiet manner and gentlemanly courtesy, without a sign of self-assurance. There is something here perhaps a little like Grant who never played to the gallery and went on about the unpleasant business as something to be done and then forgotten. The greatest are indeed the humblest. Foch on the field in tremendous crisis also had something that bring back the chivalrous Lee, whose officers not only respected but worshipped him. There was that scene at Gettysburg, crisis of the Civil War, and when Lee replying to Longstreet at the latter's protest against an advance toward the Union right, "The enemy is there and there we shall attack." But the achievement which most men long for is to be cherished in the hearts of their countrymen. And Foch could have imagined no such honors as the French gratefully pay.

## HEARD AROUND THE CORNER

(By H. A. L.)

### April Fool Pranks

Last Monday, not only the young, but the old indulged in that age-old custom of playing "April Fool".

Early in the morning a certain party rushed in one of the business places on Main Street and informed the proprietor that he was needed immediately at another business establishment.

Picturing suffering and untold horrors he hurried immediately down the street. Being of a frail nature nothing except his great anxiety for his friend kept him going.

Upon arriving there he found his friend still peacefully in slumber. Upon learning it was April 1st the shock was as bad as the first news.

### Laying Concrete

The sudden activity of Kersteen Construction the past week in grading the Luzerne-Trucksville highway and the preparations for the laying of concrete between Trucksville and Hillside was received with general satisfaction by the many autoists that have to travel this road every day. Within two months it is expected that at least one-half of the width of the entire road will be concreted.

### J. F. Besecker and Goodyear Tires

With the coming of spring, unusual activity is being planned for the tire trade. J. F. Besecker, local Goodyear Tire dealer is stocking up with this well-known brand of tires.

### Bank Checking Accounts

With the first of the month, a good many of us unfortunates received notice of the new monthly charge for checking accounts. The fee charged by the banks is very small for the service rendered and we do not hear of any serious objection. If the banks adhere strictly to the rule with no exceptions, it is felt that sentiment will be almost entirely in favor of it.

### Main Street Property Not Sold

Rumor has been about town of the sale of the Reese building which is owned by George Leacocas, of Wilkes-Barre. It was said that a Chrysler Automobile Agency would open up in the building. Latest reports refute the statement of the sale of the building. Whether or not the Chrysler dealer will use the same it not known.

### Welcomed Home

The great spirit of welcome shown our fellow townsman, and president of council, Warden Kunkle, is only an indication of the high esteem and respect which Warden holds among his neighbors.

Attending his first council meeting in three months, Warden was all business, and very interested to know what had transpired officially in the council.

### Mentioned As School Director

Thom Higgins, well known proprietor of Higgins College Inn of this town has been mentioned quite prominently the past several days as a candidate for school director. Thom is very busy and it is hardly thought that he would allow the use of his name as a candidate unless there is no opposition.

In a free-for-all scrap for the position Thom would give a fine account of himself and would no doubt be among the highest. However, there's lots of time.

### Our Post-Office

One can go far before he will find a post office of the class in which Dallas is registered to find such courtesy and efficient handling of the mails.

Miss Walters and her assistants are on the job and we take this little means of letting her know that the people of Dallas and all those that have occasion to use the post office appreciate the fine service.

### G. A. A. Kuehn

Our congenial druggist whom we most all know as "Gus" is undergoing treatment for the correction of an ailment from which he has been suffering for some time. When in the best of health there is no more active and consistent town booster than he. We sincerely hope that the time will soon be here when he is his old self once again.

### The Chrysler Plymouth

That considerable interest is being displayed in automobiles is evidenced by the many people who have visited Oliver's show room and examined the new Chrysler Plymouth, a product of Chrysler. When they see this car they are impressed with the features of the higher priced car which they receive with the Plymouth and "Smiling" Jim, the owner of this fine automobile agency, is a salesman deluxe.

## DALLAS PERSONALS

Herman White and family of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. White's sister, Mrs. Grace Rustine.

Marie Woolbert, Elizabeth Love and Dorothy Patterson, seniors at West Chester State Teachers' College, returned to their studies this week after spending the Easter recess with their parents.

Leonard Machell is about convalescing after his recent operation. He is still rather weak from the effects but is rapidly gaining strength.

Cecil Wilson is driving a new Dodge roadster purchased recently from James Oliver.

Machell Hildebrandt, a student at Penn State, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hildebrandt.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reese spent Sunday with the former's parents here. Mrs. Reese was formerly May Scouten, of Kingston.

Many local persons listening in on their radios Thursday evening were entertained by local boys who are singing with the WBAX Quartet. The group is composed of Philip Anderson, local tenor; George Reynolds, of Trucksville, and Lyle Muir and Paul Gross of Wyoming.

George Williams, staff writer of The Evening News is reconstructing the garage on the back of his lot.

Thomas Czuleger has returned after spending the early part of the week in New York City. He is employed by Bryant and Coal road contractors, who built the new Lehman road and have contracts for other roads in this section of the State, notable among them the State road near Towanda.

John L. Sullivan has returned home after a holiday in Atlantic City, where he met former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York State. He also met John Gregory, former editor of The Post who is now employed on the staff of the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

E. S. Lamb and family of Philadelphia, visited W. R. Garinger and family on Sunday. Mrs. Lamb was formerly Althea Atherholt.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley MacDowell of Philadelphia, spent Easter with the latter's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Westover.

Mrs. George Watkins entertained on Wednesday at her home in honor of Miss Alice Austin of Luzerne. Miss Austin will be a June bride. Covers were laid for sixteen guests.

Kenneth Oliver has returned to Berwick after spending the Easter vacation at his home. Kenneth is a student in Berwick High School.

Leon Kintz was called to the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Ida Kintz, of Pittston Wednesday. She is seriously ill at this writing.

Howard Glenright was taken suddenly ill while at work Saturday and was hurried to the Mercy Hospital. A major operation was performed and for a while his condition was critical. We are glad to report that he is now on the road to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Westover and family were recent visitors at Berwick. Mr. and Mrs. William Cairl, Jr., have moved to Forty Fort to be nearer Mr. Cairl's work.

Mrs. Griffith Jones, of Youngstown, Ohio, was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jas. S. Thomas of Main Street.

Louis Reese, son of Mr. John Reese, who was hurt in the mines recently, is able to be about again.

Fred Turpin, Jr., is busy these days hauling witch hazel from Noxen to the Tunkhannock distillery.

George, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmeister, of Shrine View Farm, is ill with pneumonia.

Phillip Anderson has resigned his position at the A. & P. Store. David Brace has been employed in his place.

Doctor and Mrs. George Swartz are entertaining the latter's aunt, Miss Hogan, of New York City.

Our druggist, Gus Keuhn, who has been away for his health, has returned home. He visited his daughter in York, Pa. The latter, with her husband and son, motored here with her father and expect to remain for a few days.

Mrs. Ross Lewin, of Fernbrook entertained her card club at her home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shaver have returned to Merchantsville, N. J. after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shaver. Mr. Shaver is a medical student in Philadelphia, while his wife is one of the instructors in the Merchantsville schools.

P. H. Parks, the sand and gravel man, met with a painful injury to his thumb this week. He caught it in a rip saw, nearly severing the top off. Dr. Swartz attended.

The Dallas Orchestra played for an entertainment in the Fernbrook P. M. Church Tuesday evening. It came to Dallas later for its regular practice at Higgin's Restaurant where the old gang was anxiously waiting them.

Thom Higgins has been on the sick list this week.

Dorothy VanCampen motored to

## UNCLE BILLIE BAIRD CALLS ON THE POST

Leaves Newspaper Clipping Telling of Big Snow Storm Which Blanketed Valley Twenty-Nine Years Ago.

On Monday last, Uncle Billie Baird, as he is known to his scores of friends not only in Trucksville but from Luzerne to Noxen, called on the writer at The Post bringing in a new subscription of a friend whom Uncle Billie is anxious to receive The Post. Uncle Billie also paid for his subscription for next year in advance.

The clipping as received from Uncle reads as follows:

### THE BIG SNOW STORM

Roads Drifted Shut and Railroad Traffic Crippled

"Snow began falling Thursday morning and continued all day and night and part of Friday. A fierce wind accompanied the snow storm and as a consequence railroad and wagon traffic has been at a standstill.

"All mail has been delayed and on account of the almost absolute dearth of transportation facilities, The Post is necessarily behind time.

"The roads in this section are badly drifted, and the R. F. D. carriers were forced to stay at home Friday morning.

"It is estimated that snow fell to the depth of from 12 to 15 inches on the level, and old-timers contend that it is the worst within their recollection so early in the season."

Editor's Note:—When Uncle Billie Baird called at The Post he left the copy containing same which was dated November 5, 1910. So we must admit we are having fine weather during the late years.

Shickshinny to spend some time with friends.

The card party held by the Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary at Higgins Restaurant Monday evening, was very successful. A neat sum was realized.

Lettie Lee, a Senior of the Wilkes-Barre Institute, was a charming hostess at a dinner given in honor of her classmates and friends in the blue room of the Sterling Hotel, Monday evening. Miss Lee's mother and aunt were hostesses. After the dinner, the party enjoyed the Senior dance at the Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Mitten have moved into their home at Shrine View for the summer.

The home in Shrine View which has been under construction for some time has been finished. Mr. Stuart, of Wilkes-Barre, has moved his family into it. It is a splendid addition to the homes in this place.

Mrs. A. P. Keifer and family of New York City, have arrived to spend the summer at their home in Shrine View. Miss Lois will be one of the June brides and elaborate plans are being made for the coming event, which will be one of the outstanding events of the season.

## THE OFFICE DOG

The "Office Dog" makes his first appearance this week with the following bit of rhyme from our spring-fever smitten correspondent at Alderson. We caught the pup just as he was beginning to chew this bit of paper up behind our office desk. He's a great pup and loves to feed on poems, book reviews and bits of wit. Send him food and watch him grow:

La know that sometimes when ya sit  
An' read about the days  
When there was kings an' knights  
An' sich,  
An' minstrels singin' lays  
Ya think, oh gosh, there ain't no use  
Ya'll live yer whole life thru  
An' never git to raise the deuce  
Jist like they used ta do.

Ya'll never git to ride a horse  
All dressed in armor bright,  
An' never break a lance of course  
Against some other knight  
Ya'll never be a king or cho  
Quite free to pick an' choose  
Ya'll always be just Johnnie Doe  
An' mind yer P's and Q's.

An' so, ya wish ya never was  
Becuz ya have to be  
When knights is quite extinct becuz  
There ain't no knights to see.  
Ya live the same the winter thru  
The summer, spring and fall  
Ya think there ain't a thing to do  
That's any good at all.

But fellers, if ya look around  
This darned old world of ours  
Ya'll find there's lots that's to be  
found

Besides the birds an' flowers  
There's lots of things that ain't so  
good

That really need a change  
An' helpin' out, jist like ya should  
Will bring adventures strange.

So when yer feelin' mighty blue  
Start lookin' all about  
An' find some little thing to do  
That helps somebody out.  
Perhaps ya won't wear armor bright  
But if ya play the game  
The best ya kin, ya'll be a knight  
In deed, if not in name.

Nobody ever reads editorials, some say.  
But just bawl somebody out  
in one someday and see what happens.

Universities seem to teach what to think rather than how to think.

The kind wasn't altogether taken out of the new school building controversy this week.

### DON'T FORGET

"The Picture Girl" at the Dallas High School Auditorium, April 18th. Admission 35 cents.

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