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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

In 1927 for the first time since 1919, fire losses in the United States were reduced; records also show a further reduction in 1928 and reports indicate another reduction for the first six months of 1929 as compared with the corresponding period of 1928. If this favorable experience is continued for the remaining six months of the year it will be necessary to go back as far as 1896 to find a parallel of three consecutive years of reduced fire losses.

Much of the success of a campaign for a reduction of loss by unnecessary fires is due to the interest manifested by the press of the nation in urging the citizens of communities to actively engage in preventing fires and as a means of reducing the fire loss. Appreciating the influence of the press in directing attention to that which is of benefit to the public, the Bureau of Fire Protection solicits the consideration and support of all citizens in furthering the purpose of prevention of fire by removing all menacing conditions that might cause fires and the adoption of careful methods in the handling of fire, as a means of conserving life and property.

October 6th to 12th, 1929, has been designated as National Fire Prevention week.

A good way to start the week is to pay up all of your past due pledges to the Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company; remove all fire hazards around your property and then begin to urge your friends to attend the fire company benefit masquerade ball to be held in the high school auditorium on Halloween.

HOW DO MOTORMEEN GET THAT WAY?

According to popular opinion when an automobile features in a smash up at a railway crossing the public in general is quick to lay the blame on the driver of the wrecked automobile. There may be, as Judge Henry Fuller aptly put it, plenty of "Wild Asses of the Macadam" driving up and down our highways, but all automobile drivers who feature in smashups aren't always to blame. The law of averages proves that.

For example, if someday there is a bad smash up between a trolley car and an automobile at the intersection of Machell avenue and the Wilkes-Barre Railway tracks, we are going to be prone to lay the blame on the motorman running the trolley car. On at least three occasions recently we have noticed that cars coming from the direction of Harvey's Lake fail to sound and warning at this dangerous crossing. Whether the motorman feels that he is divinely endowed with the power to prevent accidents without the necessity of sounding a warning is a question we can't answer. All that we know is that accidents do happen and that sounding a warning is a pretty sure way of letting the traveling public know that a trolley is approaching. Beside that, if the motorman is any kind of sport, he'll be willing to give motorists a fighting chance by first sounding a warning before smashing into them.

THE WEEK'S DOINGS

Two Tunkhannock men last week announced themselves as candidates for the office of representative in the General Assembly of Pennsylvania from Wyoming county. The seat was recently made vacant by the death of Hon. O. D. Stark, who was representative from Wyoming county for a number of years. The men who aspire to the office are: William A. Kittredge, head of a successful mail order business at Tunkhannock, and Percy Brunges, president of Tunkhannock Rotary Club and secretary of Wyoming County Fair Association.

There are about 400 flocks of chickens in Wyoming county ranging from 100 to one thousand birds. On Tuesday night poultrymen of Wyoming county met at Tunkhannock to discuss ways and means of protecting their flocks from chicken thieves who have been exceedingly active in the vicinity of Lake Winola and Falls. A protective association was formed having C. D. Vaughn as president and W. A. Comstock as secretary and treasurer. Sheriff Clymer Stark assured the association that he would do everything possible to apprehend the thieves. Many farmers did not attend the meeting, feeling that the old-fashioned method of loading a shotgun with rock salt and buckshot is the best way to stop a chicken thief.

Persons interested in the development and upkeep of Orcutt's Grove cemetery at Noxen have filed application for a charter for an intended corporation to be known as the Orcutt's Grove Cemetery Association. Its objects are the maintenance, improvement and control of a public cemetery. The cemetery is one of the oldest in the county. Many of its stones date back to Revolutionary days.

A headline in the Wilkes-Barre Record of Monday referring to the Sunday lecture of Dr. Dr. M. Sayle Taylor, sex preacher, says, "Scientist Scores National Pastime of Necking Before 1,200 Persons." Personally, we are much worried about the pair that necks before an audience of 1,200 persons. It's the couple that parks on the sofa in the front room when we want to use it that's got us buffaloed.

Mental Attitude Counts

Keep your mind healthy in its action and keep a decent ethical view of life. Vanity, conceit, pomposity, will do you even more harm than lack of poise and self-confidence. Just because you are an artist you are no different from all the rest of mankind. Perhaps lots of others are artists in their natures who have never had a chance. Your mental attitude has a powerful influence upon your physical health.—Herbert Witherspoon.

Heard Around The Corner

Some Rain

The heavy rain of Wednesday morning and Wednesday evening was sure welcome. Just on Monday last the local officials of the Dallas Water Company issued a warning that the water on hand would hardly last the week out, as several of the springs were dry and the artesian wells were the lowest in history.

New Candidate For Tax Collector

Wesley Ryman has announced his candidacy for tax collector of Dallas township and will oppose Dyer Lauderbaugh, who is the Republican nominee, and Robert Knarr, the Democratic nominee. At the present writing Dyer seems to be the favorite due to the great majority of Republican registration.

Fire Ordinance

Dallas Council passed a much-needed ordinance, which is published in this issue, relative to persons owning lots in the vicinity of homes, which have become overgrown with weeds and brush. From now on these lot owners will be compelled to clean off these lots each and every Fall.

Dr. Bodycomb

Of course, we don't like to suggest it from the standpoint that dentistry is not the most pleasant thought to the writer, but this new doctor that has come to Dallas, Dr. Bodycomb, is very well qualified in his profession and we hope that Dallas people will patronize him.

GIRL SCOUTS PLAN TO MAKE SUPER-HIKE

The third meeting of Dallas Girl Scouts, Troop No. 1, was called to order recently with twenty-one girls present. A super-hike was planned for next Wednesday afternoon at 4:15, starting at the Dallas borough school and going to Weiss' Grove. Evelyn Templin, Ruth Crawford and Alice Bear were appointed to lay trail. Signalling was reviewed by the first and second class girls. The meeting was closed at 5:15 with taps.

NEW STAGE OF MANSION

The famous House of Seven Gables in Salem, Mass., immortalized by Nathaniel Hawthorne, is to accept one-night lodgers. Hundreds of tourists come every year to the place where proud Hepzibah Pyncheon marketed her gingerbread men and complain that they have not time to really explain the famous old house. Now they can secure a room if desirable and have some leisure in the beautiful gardens as well as the house itself.

Sympathy

Anybody can sympathize with the sufferings of a friend, but it requires a very fine nature to sympathize with a friend's success.

Ryman Depicts Log Hut Times In Old Dallas

A Traveling Clockmaker and First Back-Mountain Carriage Make Interesting Material For Historian

HISTORY OF DALLAS

(Continued From Last Week)

During the next four years Jacob Frantz, David Fulmer, R. N. Foster, Thomas Irwin, William Hoover, William Kirkendall, Philip Kunkle, Nathaniel S. Honeywell and William Coolbaugh buy land.

Miles Orr opens his tavern first time (1840) in village of McLellonsville, though still assessed, 1841, as carpenter. Abram and Richard Ryman buy 100 acres of heirs of Oliver Pettibone. Concerning this purchase I will quote from a letter received from John R. Bartron, an old resident of Dallas, but now living in Madison, Indiana.

"I often think of the time when the Ryman boys bought the Pettibone farm (part of lot where present Ryman and Shaver steam saw-mill stands) of 100 acres for \$1000 before daylight. Other parties were after it, but their mother prepared breakfast soon after midnight for the boys, who walked down to the valley (Kingston) and closed the sale. On their way back they met the other parties going to buy it. All wanted it because it had on it a mill seat and lots of pine, oak and hemlock timber. This was in 1841, and the beginning of the lumber trade. Some folks said the boys were 'daring and would break,' but all worked well to success."

John R. Bartron also writes me some interesting reminiscences of the early days of the nineteenth century in Dallas. He says:

"I can count many families living in log houses with a ladder only for a stairway to the loft, where one or more beds and sometimes house plunder and grain were kept; while the room below—kitchen, dining-room and parlor—where the wool was carded into rolls, spun and sometimes woven into cloth, prepared for the pulper, to be made into good warm winter goods. Here, too, flax goods for summer wear, sheets, towels, etc., were made. It was a busy place, and then, sometimes Grandmother, in her younger days, had carried to Wilkes-Barre butter and eggs. I heard her say she sold her butter readily to a tavern-keeper whose name was Steele for three cents a pound more than the common price. I have been told that she cleared off the ground where the old Ferguson house stood on the day before a son was born. That son was a leader in debates at the old log school house debating club, involving questions of history and science. Conrad Kunkle told me that he debated with the young man. The boy's father kept books in his house, took a weekly paper, and was a kind of Socrates in the home circles and neighborhood. Pine knots were plentiful and they made a good light."

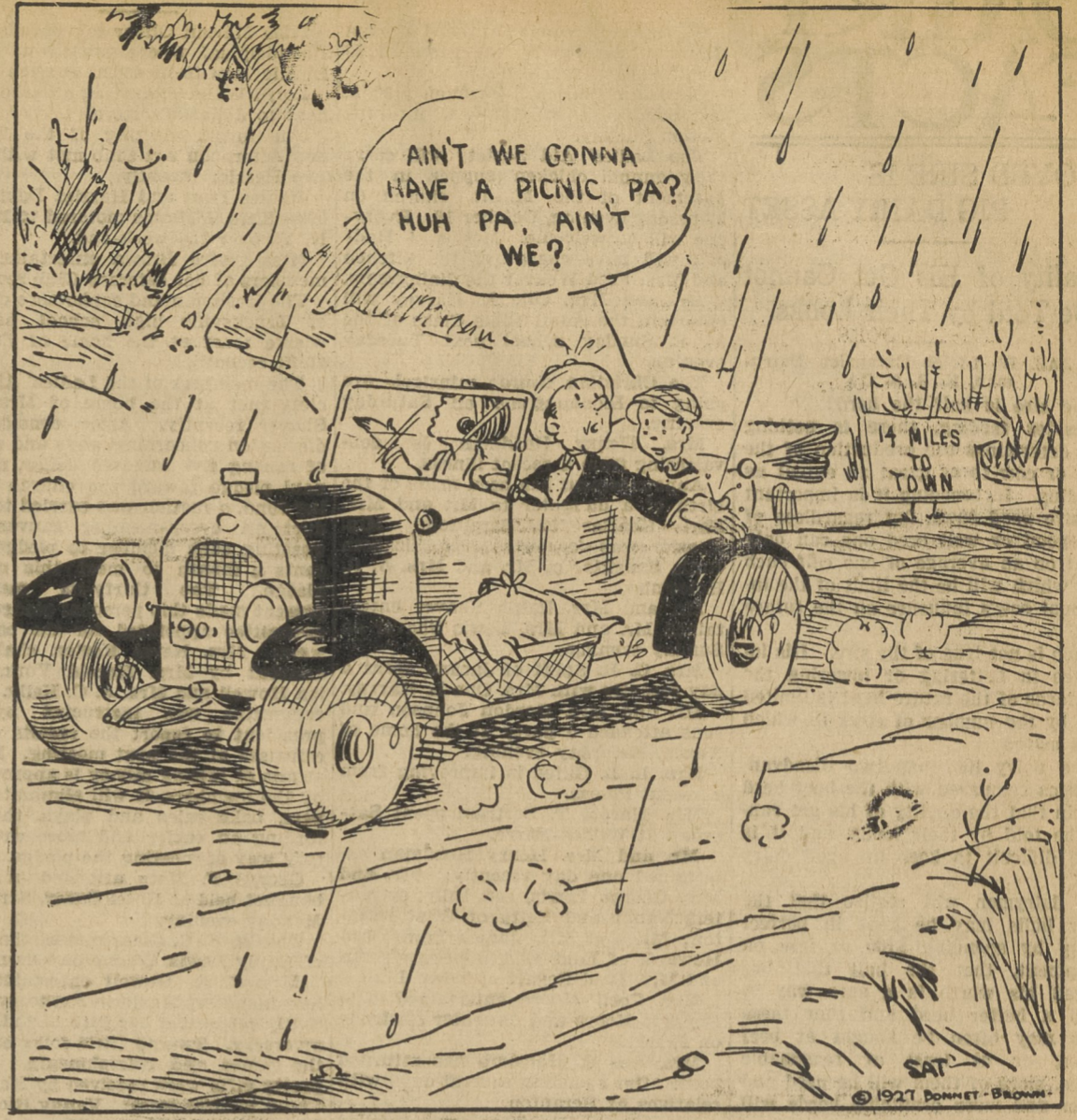
William Shaver is made justice of peace in absence of Thomas Irwin. John King and Christian Rice are assessed as owners of watches, and the latter is also assessed as the owner of a carriage. This is the first instance of anyone being found in Dallas township who indulged in either of those luxuries. I am told, by those who remember the carriage, that it created a great sensation. Young and old went miles to see it and Jacob Rice, for whose use it was purchased, was the envy of all who saw it. This carriage, I am informed, was an open buggy, and was taken from Wyoming to Dallas by Miles Orr when he moved over there, and was by him traded to Christian Rice in exchange for a lot of land in the village of McLellonsville, which is now owned by Chester White, Dr. Spencer and estate of William Randall, deceased.

Peter Stots appears and is assessed a "silversmith." He was a traveling clock-tinker, and followed this till time of his death, which occurred within a few years past. He was afflicted with a very large wen in the neck just below his chin. His voice was very heavy, and he spoke with distinctness and deliberation that was quite marked. He traveled all over the country on foot, and always carried his clock tinkering tools with him in a little bag. He was liable to drop in at any time to see if anything needed attention about the clock. His charges were little or nothing, but he expected to be invited to the table wherever he might be at meal time, and usually was so invited. Thus he made a living.

1841-1842. In 1842 William C. Roushey was assessor, and makes one or two characteristic records. Joseph Orr he returns as "carpenter, \$50, and wants to keep tavern." Henry Overton, constable, \$50. Abram and Richard Ryman build mill on land lately purchased of Pettibone heirs (where present steam mill below Dallas village now stands). This was the beginning of the lumbering business with both. Jacob Rice also begins lumbering on his father's mill in the village of McLellonsville.

The new county of Wyoming is set off from Luzerne by Act of Assembly passed April 4th, 1842, but not to take effect until May 1st, 1843, except so far as to enable the county commissioners to erect new buildings and to complete the survey by the courses and distances named in the Act.

1842-1843. Thomas Irwin resumes the office of Justice of the Peace, which he held continuously thereafter for many years. No better evidence of his fitness for the position can be asked than this fact, that, like Captain Jacob I. Bogardus, before spoken of, he was so long and so continuously retained in it. Miles Orr continues to be so long and so continuously Ebenezer Parrish and A. C. Cowles assessed as "mill rights." Isaac Hughey, "shingle-maker." Mr. Hughey afterwards became quite famous as a shingle-maker. Whenever any extra good shingles were wanted in Wilkes-Barre during the day, Isaac's shingles were quite sure to be sought; and, if found, were equally sure to be satis-



Church Notes

St. Paul's Lutheran

Regular morning services. Evening services at 7:30 will be resumed for the winter. Monday evening the Brotherhood will meet in the church. Wednesday afternoon the Ladies' Auxiliary meets in the church parlor.

Dallas M. E.

Themes for Sunday, October 6: Morning subject, "A Church Without a God;" evening, "The Glory of Resurrection." Monday, 8 p. m.—The young men of the church and community are requested to meet at the church. Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—Official board will meet in regular session. Thursday, 1:30 p. m.—Toxin-Ant-toxin clinic. Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—Mid-week prayer and praise service. Thursday, 4 p. m.—King's Herald's at the church. 8 p. m., choir rehearsal.

Next Sunday is Rally Day. Service will be combined with church school service, 10:45 a. m.

Huntsville Christian Church

The days which lie just ahead will be busy days at the Huntsville Christian Church. Next Sunday will be promotion day and one week later rally day. Rally day will be the opening day of the anniversary week on each night of which a neighboring pastor will preach. Friday night, the 18th, will be the anniversary supper and program which has attracted so many during past years. At the 9:30 service Sunday morning the pastor will speak upon "The Miracles of Enthusiasm." The Bible school will immediately follow.

Trees Live Many Centuries

The Forest service says that big trees attain an age of about 4,000 years. Most of those standing are about 2,000 to 2,500 years old.

factory. He was proud of the reputation he had made in this respect, but he was poor and never could pay an old debt, either at a store or for rent. He moved annually or oftener, and lived wherever he could find an empty hotel that would hold him. For his last wife he married a Miss Moss, and the favorite joke with him was that he was living a refutation of the old adage, "A rolling stone will gather no moss."

(Continued Next Week)



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