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Garden Club Elects Local Women Officers

Exhibition of Pictures of Gardens in Luzerne County To Be Held At November Meeting

Mrs. Alfred Sword of Carverton was elected president and Mrs. A. R. Dungray was elected corresponding secretary at the meeting of the arden Club of Wyoming Valley held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry C. Miller, Wyoming avenue, Wyoming, with a fine attendance.

Other officers elected for the coming year were: Vice president, W. J. Peck, West Pittston; recording secretary, Mrs. A. L. Dymond; treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Overpeck.

Miss Mary Dorr of West Pittston, promoter of the garden contest this summer spoke very interestingly on the success of the contest and the enthusiasm shown. Mr. Edward S. Salyer, horticulturist, of Forty Fort, gave an interesting and helpful talk on fall planting and covering of gardens for winter.

A plea was sent out to the club members by Mr. Thomas Phillips of Wilkes-Barre, warning the members against the breaking of autumn boughs. This causes a wound on the trees at this time of year which brings about unreparable damage. At the November meeting there will be an exhibition of pictures of gardens in Luzerne county. Anyone wishing to send in pictures of their gardens must have them in before October 20 to Mrs. George Carey, 3663 Wyoming avenue, Kingston, who is sponsoring this movement.

CAPTAIN SCAVALL ENTERTAINS ROTARY

Captain Benjamin Scovall, famous English actor, who has been giving recitals and lectures throughout Wyoming Valley during the past few weeks, was the entertainer Thursday night at the dinner meeting of Dallas Rotary Club in Higgins' College Inn.

While the men were being entertained by Captain Scovall, Dallas Women of Rotary motored to the Lucille Tea Room at Berwick, where they were served an excellent meal. Mrs. Ned Glenn of Berwick, whose husband is active in Rotary club affairs of the State, was the guest of the local Women of Rotary. Thirteen members attended the dinner. Later in the evening they motored to Wilkes-Barre, where they attended Poll's Theatre to see Lee Tracey, a former local boy, in his first talking motion picture.

MORE ABOUT DOGS

A number of local residents are disturbed over the seeming impudence of dogs running loose about town and wearing no collars or license tags. One resident tells us that every morning and evening there are four of them seen in the neighborhood of Charles Brobst's and Billie Sutton's homes. Although we like dogs, we think it timely warning to dog owners to tell them that something fatal is going to happen to home of the dogs if their owners don't soon see that they are tied up or that they display license tags. We're sure they don't belong to Mr. Sutton, for his wife has given him strict orders never to bring another dog on the place.

ROAD ISN'T WIDE ENOUGH?

Numerous complaints are being heard of automobile drivers who insist on staying in the middle of the broad new Sordoni highway. Drivers of prop trucks, coal trucks and other slow-moving vehicles defeat the purpose of a forty-foot road when they insist on driving their crawling machines in the middle of the road. Whether you drive a truck or a passenger car see to it that you drive as close to the right hand curb as possible and thus avoid accidents and give the driver in a hurry a chance to drive at the rate a forty-foot road warrants on occasions.

Youth Released By Local Police

Takes Midnight Joy Ride and Runs Out of Gas; Also Damages Shrubs and Young Trees

Michael Discavage, aged 17, of the Rice Hill section of Edwardsville was taken into custody Thursday morning by Chief Edward Avery of the local police force. Young Discavage, who has been having some trouble with his family because he refuses to work and spends most of his time in pool rooms, ran amuck of the law on Wednesday night when the automobile he had borrowed for the evening ran out of gas in the vicinity of Shavertown.

In his efforts to find gasoline he drove into the driveway of William Pierce on Pioneer avenue. He awakened the Pierce family and asked for gasoline. No getting any there, he went to the service station of Harvey Spaide and drained enough out of the hose on the gasoline tanks to get him back to Edwardsville. In running his automobile into the Pierce driveway he accidentally destroyed a small ornamental tree and a number of shrubs.

Chief Avery, investigating the case in an effort to determine whether the youth had stolen the car, found that Discavage was in the habit of sleeping in an Edwardsville pool room or in the owner's car parked outside the door. On Wednesday night he found the keys in the machine and decided on a little joy ride. The owner refused to press the charges and Discavage was released after paying for property damage at the Pierce home.

Christ Church of Sweet Valley Dedicating Hall

Work Done By Members of Congregation—Improvements Added to the Auditorium

Sunday, October 6, was a red-letter day in the history of the Church of Christ at Sweet Valley, when homecoming and dedication day was observed. Bible school began at the usual hour and new officers were installed. This was followed by preaching services and communion at 11 a. m. The pastor, Rev. Waterstripe, preached an excellent sermon from Romans 12-1. Special music was given by the choir, assisted by members of the Buttonwood congregational church. Mr. Gray of Buttonwood sang "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" in a most beautiful manner. At 12:30 all assembled in the new diningroom where a real home dinner was enjoyed.

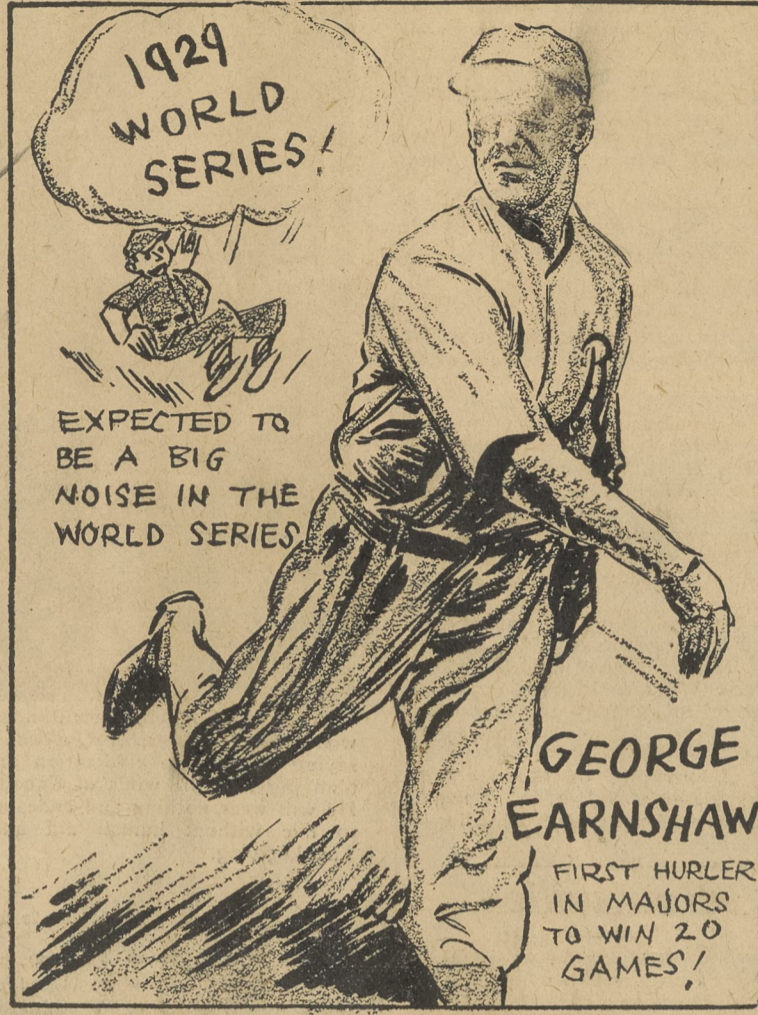
At 2:30 the crowd again assembled in the church and listened to the dedicatory sermon. Mrs. Ruth Gray and Miss Irene Jackson sang a duet and North Cutler sang a solo.

The day was concluded by the usual evening service at 7:30. The Sweet Valley church is justly proud of this new improvement, having long felt the need of more room for its social activities. New curtains, scenery and other stage equipment has been placed in the main hall. The diningroom affords ample space for tables. The old kitchen has been moved so that there is now plenty of room for cooking. Nearly all of the work was donated by members and friends of the congregation and all joined in expressing the enjoyment they had in the work. Much credit is due the pastor and building committee for the able way in which the work was managed.

PLAN TO ORGANIZE PARENT-TEACHER ASSN.

There seems to be a sentiment throughout the town in favor of a Parent-Teacher Association to provide means for closer cooperation between parents and the local schools. To fulfill this need a number of parents have asked that an organization meeting be called. Parents and citizens are invited to attend this meeting which will be held in the high school auditorium Monday evening, October 21, at 8 o'clock. Someone familiar with the Parent-Teacher Associations in other places will be present to explain the purpose of the organization.

George Earnshaw of the A's a Great Hurler



He's likely to be very prominent in the World Series—George Earnshaw of the Athletics who clinched the pennant for Connie Mack with his 21st victory. He is the first pitcher in the Major Leagues to win twenty games this season.

Politics Seen Back of Raids On Local Stores

Constables from Wyoming Valley Attempt to Purify Dallas Thursday Night

Punch boards, those little games of chance which are played from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Canadian line to the Gulf of Mexico and which periodically serve as footballs for disgruntled politicians, stirred the quiet of Dallas Thursday night when Constables Gwynn and O'Donnell came up from Wyoming Valley to purify the town by making raids on a number of local business establishments.

The officers, armed with warrants, visited John Sullivan's Meridan restaurant, College Inn and Witch Kitch Inn. In all of the places they found boards which the best citizens of the community play during leisure hours. The raids were pulled off with all the tact and decorum in the political trick book. The results obtained were about as effective as sweeping back the ocean tide with a broom.

Instigators of the raid were Dallas residents, keenly interested in politics, who attempted to hide behind the smoke screen propaganda to the effect that the foray in this section was in retaliation for arrests of Wyoming Valley traffic law violators in this region. Incidentally 90 per cent of the arrests of motorists hereabouts are made by the State Highway patrol.

The real purpose of the raid was political. The warrants were originally started in the office of Alderman James Brennan, of Wilkes-Barre, and later transferred to the office of Squire Peter Mathers. In asking Mr. Mathers to make out the warrants, Mr. Brennan refused to give the names of the persons furnishing the information for the raids.

Unless some Dallas citizen appears before Squire Mathers to press the charges nothing more will come out of the raids. So far no one has appeared and Dallas merchants have not been ordered before the Wilkes-Barre alderman.

RIPLEY SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THIS MAN

Harvey Moss, who lives at Huntsville, is one of the most successful farmers in this region and his crops always excite the admiration of other farmers. This week he visited the Record office with heads of cauliflower whose total weight exceeded thirty-five and one-half pounds, "Believe it or not."

A Record reporter, probably Joe Collis, had the following to say about Mr. Moss and his visit:

"Some persons are fond of cauliflower. Others are not, but almost any person would have been tempted to try some of the specimen of that vegetable that was brought to the Record office yesterday by Harvey Moss, a farmer who resides in the vicinity of Dallas and who takes great pride in the vegetables he grows.

"The specimen of cauliflower exhibited to the Record employees by Mr. Moss was magnificent. It weighed nearly thirteen pounds and would provide liberal portions for at least forty-five to fifty people, allowing each consumer on an average of a quarter of a pound each.

"The large head was not an accident by any means. Neither was it a freak of nature, for Mr. Moss had two other fine specimens with him, the total weight of the three being thirty-five and one-half pounds."

FIRE COMPANY RECEIVES GIFT FROM DALLAS TOWNSHIP

Announcement has been made by James F. Besecker, president of the Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, of a gift of more than \$50 from the supervisors of Dallas township. The gift is a portion of the State tax refund on insurance premiums which by law may be given to local firemen. The township contribution together with a similar gift of \$200 from the borough council a short time ago, is especially pleasing at this time since the company is at this time making efforts to raise \$1,500 for the final payment on the equipment.

The fire company will hold its annual Halloween party in the new high school gymnasium - auditorium on Thursday evening, Oct. 31. Elaborate plans are being laid for this affair, which is to be in the nature of a mask ball. A first class orchestra has been engaged for the occasion.

55 MILES OF ROAD

Harrisburg, Oct. — The Department of Highways will open bids for 55 miles of road improvement and six bridges on October 24 and 25.

Police Check Late Drivers

All Drivers of Stolen Automobiles Efforts Being Made to Apprehend

In cooperation with all police departments throughout Wyoming Valley and outlying towns, borough police officers are stopping late motorists on the highways between the hours of 11 at night and 4 in the morning. This campaign is being carried out not to apprehend automobile law violators, but to catch night prowlers and operators of stolen automobiles.

According to the new arrangement all automobiles stolen in Wyoming Valley and outlying towns are reported at a central headquarters and the information given to all local police departments so that the main outlets from or to Wyoming Valley may be closed to stolen cars. It is believed that this system will be of great assistance to police in catching automobile thieves.

Save Bittersweet For Birds Is Plea

Game Protector Deplores Wanton Waste of This Valuable Bird Food By So-called "Nature Lovers"

Due to the scarcity of all foods for wild birds and game, protection of bittersweet shrubs is more important than usually. W. ard Conklin, chief of the bureau of lands and refuges, said today.

Conklin appealed to lovers of wild life to allow the bittersweet berries to remain in their natural environment rather than use them for alleged adornment of mantles and walls.

Attaches of the Game Commission say the bittersweet berries are an important item in wild life food because they do not fall from the vines until late in the winter and are thus accessible during heavy snowstorms. Officials of the Department of Forests and Waters also have asked citizens of the State to forego the usual custom of tearing the shrubs from the ground and bearing them to city homes.

Following the lead of some city florists even "hot dog" stands are permitting supposed nature lovers to obtain it without the exertion of leaving an automobile.

Those interested agree that unless there is a decreasing demand for the bittersweet berries for use as decoration that it will soon be exterminated in the State.

The Game Commission's program for feeding the wild life of the State already is under way. Because the transportation of domestic grains to remote points where it will be found by the wild things of the woods is a difficult problem officials are anxious to conserve all natural food supplies.

ROAD WORK PROGRESSES

Long a bone of contention, borough and township road workers this week repaired the borough's side and the township side of Centre Hill road in an attempt to get it ready for the winter month.

Down in Shavertown, Samuel Woolbert improved the thoroughfares of that section by laying cobblestone gutters on Centre street. Work was also recently completed on Davis avenue at N. Greenwood.

ENTERTAINS CLASS

Mrs. R. L. Brickel was hostess on Friday evening to the members of her Sunday school class. After a business session in which the ladies decided to give \$50 to the fund for the Children's Home at Binghamton, various games were played. Lunch was served to Mrs. A. D. Hull, Mrs. J. H. Mannear, Miss Winifred Griffiths, Miss Ruth Waters, Mrs. William Niemeyer, Mrs. Weyenmeyer, Mrs. L. W. LeGrande, Mrs. Claude Cooke, Mrs. Laura Patterson, Mrs. C. S. Hildebrandt, Mrs. William Krause, Mrs. W. H. Baker, Mrs. eorge Russ, Mrs. George T. Bowen, Miss Faye Whipp, Mrs. Donald Frantz, Mrs. Sterling Machell, Mrs. J. E. Hildebrandt, Mrs. W. E. Webster and Mrs. R. L. Brickel.

Recalls Famous Lehigh Valley Mud Run Wreck

A. S. Culbert, Local Station Agent, Was Eye-Witness To Father Mathew Day Disaster of 41 Years Ago.

Thursday was the forty-first anniversary of the famous Father Mathew's Day train wreck of the Lehigh Valley at Mud Run, in which fifty-five persons lost their lives and scores of others were injured for life.

At least one Dallas resident has a vivid memory of that tragedy of forty-one years ago. A. S. Culbert, local station master, was an eye witness of the disaster and recalls perfectly the events of that fateful evening.

In describing the wreck Mr. Culbert says that it had been a bright, crisp fall day similar to the tenth of October of this year. It was Mr. Culbert's first night in the railroad business and early in the evening he had gone to the Mud Run station to take up his first instructions in telegraphy from the operator there. A little before 8 o'clock one section of a ten-section excursion stopped near the station, to allow an earlier section to get ten minutes distance. There were no automatic signals at the time and the sections followed each other at ten minute intervals. The excursion patrons were made up of residents of upper Luzerne and Lackawanna counties, who had spent the day in Hazleton observing Father Mathew Day, Father Mathew being a great temperance advocate of the time.

As the train section waited for the ten-minute interval to pass another section of the excursion hurtled out of the darkness. There was a fearful shriek of whistles, the shrill metallic grind of brakes and then a tremendous crash as the engine of the on-coming section plowed its way through the fragile wooden coaches of the stalled train. The crys of the dying and the sight of the wreckage made an impression on the young telegraph operator that he will remember to his dying day. Father Mathew was killed in the wreck. Special trains from Wilkes-Barre and Mauch Chunk brought doctors and nurses to the scene. It was several days before the wreckage was finally removed and the tracks cleared for other trains. Sometime later the engineer of the locomotive and the trainmen and flagmen of the first section of the train were tried in the Carbon county court at Mauch Chunk but they were acquitted. According to Mr. Culbert at the time of the wreck there were murmurs in the crowd to lynch the unfortunate trainmen but the leaders of the project were restrained by saner passengers.

Twenty-five of the persons killed were from a little town in Lackawanna county called Pleasant Valley. Following the disaster the name of the community was changed to Avoca which in Latin means "Vale of Tears."

HUNTSVILLE CHURCH TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Introductory to a week of celebration the Huntsville Christian church will next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. hold its Rally Day service in the Bible school. At 9:30 the pastor will speak on "My Community and My Church." The week will be devoted to the anniversary of the beginning of the work of the congregation. At 7:30 Sunday night Rev. M. C. Frick of Pikes Creek will preach. On Monday night at the same hour, Rev. E. J. Waterstripe of Sweet Valley On Tuesday night Rev. Harry McGowan of Westmoor and on Wednesday night Rev. Paul S. Wight of Wilkes-Barre. There will be no Thursday night meeting, but Friday will be the time of the banquet and program. A chicken supper will be served to all who care to attend. In addition to the entertainment features, which usually accompany the banquet, Rev. Edwin Wyle of Plymouth will deliver the banquet address.

\$1887 IN BOUNTIES

Harrisburg, Oct. — The bureau of noxious animals during August paid \$1887 in bounties. The only wild cat included in the list was trapped in Lackawanna County.

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