

Meridian Five Defeats Lares

Local Players Show Fast Work and Make Natty Appearance in Brilliant New Uniforms

In one of the fastest basketball games seen in this region in some time the Meridian five of Dallas defeated Lare's team of Luzerne, members of the Merchants' League, Wednesday night in Meridian Hall by a score of 41 to 27.

The Meridian five made an excellent appearance in new green, gold and black uniforms, and their playing was as smooth as their appearance. Each player wore a brilliant green pea jacket when not playing. The Meridian team, sponsored by John Sullivan and Harry Anderson, is perhaps the fastest team in the back mountain district. Fortner, Dobby, Dorset, Travis, Miller and Richards make up a team that will be hard to beat, even by fast league teams of Wyoming Valley.

Dobby and Miller, two Luzerne boys, are well known in this region for their athletic prowess, both of them having appeared at various times with Dallas base ball teams. Dorset is principal of Lehman high school and played basketball at Mansfield, his home town. His father is Master of the State Grange. The playing of "Woody" Travis and "Jerry" Fortner is too well known to Dallas fans to need any comment. Both boys played a brilliant game against Lare's team. Richards is an ace in the hole and although he didn't get into the game is considered of equal talent to the other five members of the team.

Lare's team showed considerable teamwork and fight and kept the game close enough so that it was always interesting. Following the game Luke and his Dukes played for dancing. Next Wednesday the Meridian five will play Keystone A. C. on the Meridian floor. A week later the team will play a fast team composed of preparatory school stars from Wyoming Valley.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

The little daughter of the late Captain J. T. Ruth, Chief Deputy Sheriff of Luzerne county, and Chief of Police of Luzerne Lake, entertained a group of little friends on her 5th birthday anniversary, January 26, at her home at Harvey's Lake.

A chicken dinner was served, after which all kinds of games were played, all having a delightful time.

Dinner was served to the following guests: Lenore Bernice Ruth and Lucila Mae Ruth, Virginia and Alma Chalmers, of Philadelphia; Constance Anderson, Buffalo; Gertrude MacCarte, Ella B. Flicker, Philadelphia; Muriel M. Brown, James Brown, Florida; E. Orrison and Robert Orrison, Philadelphia; Jackie Gerlott and Jackie Weiss, Harvey's Lake; Mrs. Catherine Gerlott, Mrs. Flicker and Mrs. J. T. Ruth.

Poster Exhibit To Be Held Near Here

Friday and Saturday, January 30 and 31, Posters Will Be Exhibited

On Friday and Saturday, the thirtieth and thirty-first of January, there will be a world poster exhibit at Wilkes-Barre Institute in Forty Fort. The posters have come from all parts of the world and prove in a large way that all nations are vigorously striving toward the same goal, eagerly seeking self-expression and a better understanding.

Among the different types of posters the exhibition possesses there are an unusual collection of World War posters, over three hundred Child Welfare posters, historical posters and innumerable travel posters, some made by students in Wyoming Valley.

It has been said to be the best of its kind and is worth your time to visit it.

ENTERTAINED BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Robert Hislop entertained her bridge club Wednesday at a 1 o'clock luncheon. Mrs. James R. Oliver was the prize winner. The following members were present: Mrs. Arthur Turner, Mrs. Ralph Hallock, Mrs. Harry Harter, Mrs. Warden Kunkle, Mrs. Ralph Brickel, Mrs. Clifford Space, Mrs. James Oliver, Mrs. Claude Isaacs, Miss Winifred Griffith, Miss Mary Still and Mrs. Robert Hislop.

NOTICE

To Taxpayers of Dallas. 5 per cent penalty will be added on your taxes after February 15, 1931.

F. M. GORDON, Tax Collector.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Dallas township held their monthly meeting in the high school, Monday evening. It was decided to hold a card party at the home of Mrs. J. N. Whipp, Wednesday, February 4. John Girvan donated a rug, which was chanced off at the meeting. The sum of \$30 was realized. Clifford Ide was the winner of the rug. Mrs. George Augerton, of Fernbrook, who was formerly a teacher in home economics in Massachusetts, was the speaker of the evening. Her topic was, "Resolved, It Is Easier to Raise Children in the Twentieth Century Than in Grandmother's Time." The program was in charge of the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Lunch was served.

Kingston Twp. Junior Class To Give Play

To Be Held in M. E. Church, Shavertown, February 11, and in the High School Auditorium, February 12

Rumor is abroad that Patricia Grayson, the pretty and popular daughter of Governor Grayson, is to visit Mrs. Carrol, of Fern Lawn. At first, Elsie Crowder, one of Mrs. Carrol's pretty young neighbors, and Tim Hopper, known to most of us as the town's bar example, scorned her coming. Gossip has it that our own Governor's daughter is the owner of a small-town filling station and an apple orchard, surpassed only by Adam Wade's. By the way, Adam doesn't like her coming either. The peppery town boss is afraid Miss Grayson's fruit trees will soon equal his own. You ought to hear him rave! Mrs. Smith Porter is planning a reception, which will be one of the outstanding events of the spring season, to honor Miss Grayson. We suppose only the best people in town will be invited. A magnificent street parade will be held upon Miss Grayson's arrival. Two bands will furnish music and all the merchants will have floats.

Bring your family to this glorious fete, "Here Comes Patricia," the annual play to be given by the junior class of the Kingston Township High School. The first performance will be given in the Shavertown M. E. church, Wednesday, February 11, and the second in the high school, Thursday, February 12. Elinor Rockwell plays the title role, with Daniel Davis playing opposite.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

Members of Shavertown Branch, Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will meet for the regular meeting Friday afternoon, February 6, at the home of Mrs. H. A. Weise at Shavertown.

BEAUMONT DAIRYMEN'S LEAGUE GAVE DINNER

Beaumont League of the Dairymen's League gave a dinner at the Kunkle Grange Hall for the members of their families on Saturday, the dinner being served by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Kunkle church. A business meeting was held in the morning at which the following officers were elected for the year. Charles Keen, Alderson, president, re-elected; vice-president, David Traver, Beaumont; treasurer, W. S. Kunkle; secretary, Edward Gaynor, re-elected. Directors, Charles Kern, W. S. Kunkle, John Downs, David Traver and Severn Traver.

Following the dinner interesting talks were given on production figures and market conditions by V. O. Parizo, Field Director from the Scranton Office and G. D. Russ, Manager of the Scranton and Wilkes-Barre District. Those in attendance were: G. D. Russ, V. O. Parizo, Scranton; Charles Kern, Edward Gaynor, H. A. Shavez, George Wilson, C. W. Kunkle, W. S. Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Patton, D. H. Traver, F. P. Kunkle, Oliver F. Ellsworth, John Novajosky, Joseph Novajosky, Michael Novajosky, Joseph Hoyt, Olin Kunkle, Peter aGyner, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kern, Miss Helen Kern, Miss Bertha Kern, F. A. Kocher, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kunkle, Mrs. W. S. Kunkle, Mrs. C. W. Kunkle, Mrs. Amos itchen, Mr. and Mrs. John Isaacs, Russell Miers, Mrs. M. C. Miers, James Miers, Mrs. F. P. Kunkle, Miss Frances Hess, Mrs. Joseph Shoemaker, Roanah Shoemaker, Mrs. George Landon, Thomas Landon, Miss Althea Landon, Miss Gertrude Smith, Mrs. Charles Herdman, Mrs. Victor Rydd, Mrs. Olin Kunkle, Eleanor Kunkle, Charles D. Wilma Brace, Margaret Kunkle, Marvin J. Elston, Vera Martin.

Review of Work Done By The Welfare Federation This Year

Last year the Community Welfare Federation District No. 3, comprising Dallas borough, Dallas township, Kingston township, Shavertown and Trucks-ville, contributed \$1,964.54 during the Federation's drive for funds. The money expended for assistance in this district by the Federation last year was \$9,934. That is quite a difference and should silence forever the argument that the "Welfare Federation does nothing for the back mountain region." By the very nature of its work the Federation cannot broadcast the good it has accomplished in this region. It cannot use the names of broken families, hungry children and unmarried mothers as pawns in a game to stir your sympathies. But cold figures do reveal just what the Federation has here done.

Here they are: Three persons were cared for by the Association for the Blind. There were 182 boys belonging to Boy Scout troops. Fourteen children were treated by the Crippled Children's Association. Three unmarried mothers sought aid of the Crittendon Shelter. Residents of the region received 900 free days at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital at an average cost of \$3.00 per day. 177 girls belonged to Girl Scout troops. There were 47 days of free treatment at Homeopathic Hospital. Luzerne County Branch of Catholic Charities assisted nine persons. Twenty-two persons came to the attention of Medical Health Clinic. There were 163 free days at Mercy Hospital at an average cost of \$3.00 per day. Thirty persons were aided by the Red Cross. The Salvation Army cared for twenty-six persons. The Social Hygiene Society cared for one person. The Tuberculosis Society aided five persons. Thirty-nine were assisted by the United Charities. The Visiting Nurse Association made 422 free visits. Twenty-nine men, twenty-eight boys and forty girls belonged to character building organizations of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.

The Welfare Federation has done its share gloriously. See that you do yours with the same spirit when the solicitor calls for your pledge, and above all don't use the argument that "the Welfare Federation does nothing for this region," or that the Community Fund to which you have contributed is doing the work of the Federation here. In all, less than \$200 was contributed to the Community Fund in the whole back mountain region. For once get behind the Federation drive. Contribute all you can. Forget the petty bickerings and jealousies that usually cut this region in a dozen factions and show the world that you have a human heart even if you have no community spirit.

Planes Make Use Of Harvey's Lake Ice

Thirty Passengers Carried Last Sunday—Ice In Most Excellent Condition For Skating

Harvey's Lake, always popular during the summer, was almost as popular last Sunday, when hundreds availed themselves of the excellent skating, and journeyed there to spend the day. A novelty was afforded when Howard Sterne and Anthony Janerick, of Wyoming Valley, arrived with airplanes and carried passengers on flights, taking off at Sandy Beach from the ice which now boun s the lake. About thirty passengers were carried. Janerick, who is a limited commercial pilot, had his two-passenger Bird plane, and Sterne, a transport pilot had his two passenger Aristocrat. The planes left Wyoming Valley about 1:00 P. M. and returned around 4:40 P. M.

SURVEY OF BLIND IN COUNTY STARTS

Pennsylvania State Council for the Blind, functioning under the State Department of Welfare, is co-operating with local organizations in an effort to get in touch with all residents of Luzerne county who are totally blind or partially blind or who have a serious visual handicap. The object is to learn of the general and individual needs of this special group of handicapped citizens in order to make a study of the best way to be helpful to them.

The work is being carried on by the council's field representative, George Hackenburg, now stationed in Wilkes-Barre, and making his office headquarters at Wilkes-Barre Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 35 East Union street. The field representative is partially blind and a graduate of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind at Philadelphia. Mr. Hackenburg states that he plans to visit all citizens in the county who are blind or nearly so, including adults and children, and he hopes to be able to obtain as complete a list as possible.

Anyone wishing aid in making this census more complete may send the name and address of any Luzerne county resident, who they know to be totally or partially blind or who has a marked eye defect to Wilkes-Barre Branch, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 35 East Union street.

PENN STATE DEAN STARTS SOUTHERN SPEAKING TOUR

Dean R. L. Sackett, of the School of Engineering at the Pennsylvania State College, is making a speaking trip through the Southern Universities at the behest of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He will also address the Atlanta and New Orleans sections of the society. Dean Sackett expects to go as far west as Tucson, Arizona, where he will remain for several weeks. He will speak to engineering students in other institutions on his way back, returning to State College in April.

Farmers Institute Will Attract Very Large Gathering

Two-Day Session, Thursday and Friday, February 5th and 6th, To Be Held in Kunkle Community Hall

The two-day Farmers Institute which will be held at the Kunkle Community Hall, Dallas township, on February 5th and 6th, promises to attract a large gathering at each of the four sessions.

An interesting group of topics will be given at each of the sessions and the program will be of value to all farmers in Kunkle and the surrounding townships.

The program will be in charge of Maurice Girton and will be as follows: Thursday, February 5th, 2:00 P. M. Speakers: R. H. Olmstead—"Dairy Management," Earle Moffitt—"Rotations Adaptable to Your Type of Farming."

Thursday, February 5th, 7:30 P. M. R. H. Olmstead—"Dairy Feeding," Earle Moffitt—"Economic Farm Management."

Friday, February 6th, 2:00 P. M. Nicholas Schmitz—"Lime and Legumes," D. C. Henderson—"Making Poultry Profitable."

Friday, February 6th, 7:30 P. M. Nicholas Schmitz—"Farm Crops," D. C. Henderson—"Poultry Problems." The ladies of the community will serve either a cafeteria luncheon or a supper.

HON. C. M. TURPIN OFFERS CADETSHIP

Any boy seventeen years of age and not twenty-two when he enters West Point Academy the first week in July, may take the examination to be given at Wilkes-Barre postoffice, Saturday morning, January 24, promptly at 9 for a vacancy to occur on July 1, in this county, at West Point. Candidates for the examination should communicate with Hon. C. Murray Turpin, room 132 House Office building, Washington, D. C., for complete information. Congressman Turpin, when hearing of the imminent vacancy, arranged to have the examination given in Wilkes-Barre. Three alternates will also be appointed and one of these may be lucky enough to win should the principal fail either mentally or physically.

MARRIED AT CENTERMORELAND

Ernest Montross and Bethel Shook, daughter of Arthur Shook, of Centermoreland, were married Wednesday morning at the M. E. parsonage, Centermoreland, by Rev. H. S. Munyon.

The couple were accompanied by the Misses Ruth and Florence Montross and Miss Evelyn Shook. Both young people are popular in the Centermoreland region and have the best wishes of a large number of friends for a happy married life. After the marriage ceremony they left for a motor trip to Washington, D. C.

CHARLES H. COOKE, DIES FOLLOWING SUDDEN ATTACK WHILE ATTENDING COURT

Pioneer Citizen Passes Away Gently At His Home At 10 O'Clock This Morning Following Brief Illness Of Three Days—Overwork Cause Of Breakdown

WAS CIVIC LEADER

One of the community's most respected citizens and gentlemen passed into the great beyond this morning at 10 o'clock with the death of Charles H. Cooke, aged 80, at his home here.

So suddenly had Mr. Cooke become stricken with illness two days ago that few of his hundreds of friends in this region knew of his condition or were aware that death was near at hand.

Mr. Cooke had been in robust good health until he was stricken with a fainting spell while attending court sessions in Wyoming county on Wednesday. He was immediately carried from the court room and placed under the care of a physician, who had him removed to his home here. Until this morning he seemed to be responding to medical treatment, but the strain of overwork began to tell, weakening his vitality to the point where a fighting spirit could carry on no longer against death.

Mr. Cooke was a man of unceasing energy and vitality. During the winter months he had been engaged in exhaustive research work pertaining to the settlement of the Albert Lewis estate, in which he had been engaged. It was his devotion to this work which is believed to have caused the breakdown which resulted in his death.

Charles H. Cooke was born at Blairstown, N. J., where he received his early education at Blair Academy. Later he left his home community to become a bookkeeper with one of the leading mercantile firms of the day at Scranton. Leaving Scranton he was for a time employed in Wilkes-Barre. He was always interested in the out-of-doors and in mathematics and it was these natural inclinations which led him into his work as a surveyor and draughtsman, a profession which he followed until his death.

He knew the history of the back mountain region as perhaps no person now living knew it. His work as a surveyor had led him over the entire territory and it was to the amazement of his friends that at the age of 80 he could travel all day through the woods and over the hills with the best of the younger men on a surveying crew.

He was a charter member of George M. Dallas Lodge F. and A. M., and his enthusiastic spirit was a contributing force in the success of that organization.

Beside his wife, who was formerly Miss Clara Shaver, of Dallas, the deceased leaves one daughter, Mrs. Helen Clemow, of Trucksville, two sons, Ira, at home, and Claude, of Shavertown, and two sisters, Kate and Margaret, of Blairstown, N. J. Funeral announcements will be made later.

CLOSE CLUBHOUSE FOR RENOVATION

Irem Temple Country Club will be closed from February 1 to April 1, while the interior of the clubhouse is thoroughly renovated. Some changes are to be made in the plan of the clubhouse. No meals will be served during the next two months and it will be impossible to use the clubhouse for any functions during this period. The club will continue to offer the grounds to its membership and families for such winter sports as the season allows.

ENTERTAINED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Young Men's Sunday school class of the M. E. church met at the home of Arthur Kiefer, of Church street, Tuesday evening. The meeting was called to order by the president, Arthur Kiefer. After the regular business meeting, lunch was served by Mrs. Kiefer to the following members: Rev. W. E. Webster, Clark Hildebrandt, Floyd Bogart, Thomas Him, Leslie Warhola, Oscar Culp, Raymond Shiber, James Ayre, Arthur Dungey, Z. E. Garinger and Arthur Kiefer.

BENEFIT PARTY

Next Wednesday evening, February 4, Mrs. M. J. Whipp will hold a party at her home for the benefit of the P. T. A. There will be cards and all other games. Everybody welcome.

Federation Work Greater Than Ever

Unemployment Means Number Of Cases Needing Attention Of Associated Organizations

The agencies for human welfare in Wyoming Valley, which have accomplished tremendous tasks in keeping the community clean and healthy, improving its poor districts, alleviating hardships and want, aiding the handicapped and building character—stand today in a critical situation, due to the excessive demands made on their services this year.

The situation will not be changed until Wyoming Valley raises at least \$84,000 more than it did last year to take care of the deficits in Welfare Federation agencies caused by relief demands and provide for the increased load which these agencies will be called on to carry on during the coming year. The ninth annual Wyoming Valley Community Welfare Federation campaign will be held from February 2 to February 11. The campaign goal has been set at \$530,000, but John C. Haddock, general chairman, has made it clear that this amount will have to be greatly oversubscribed if the Federation is to be financially equipped to cope with emergencies which at this time appear imminent. In addition, the people of Wyoming Valley have been asked to assist in raising this district's quota of \$40,000 in the Red Cross's national drive for drought relief in the Southwestern States.

Economic depression and unemployment are sending thousands of formerly independent families to seeking aid. Careful economies by the agencies has not been able to check the inroads made upon their funds by relief demands. In Wyoming Valley last year, the cry of need became more insistent—more families without funds, more demands for clinical and medical aid—relief took a sharp upward jump. The budgets of social service agencies, exhausted, additional funds were allotted and spent and the fight against social disaster went on.

On the streets, in the shops, stores, homes, churches, clubs, men and women intermingled as usual. They said: "Times are hard!" "We'll have to cut down." "A lot of men out of work." "Tough!"

Meanwhile, without radio broadcast, without glaring headlines, without parading bands, one of the most desperate struggles in the Valley's history was taking place. So silently

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Parents Drunk; Five Children Suffer From Cold

Children Found Without Food in Unheated Idetown House Are Under Care of United Charities—Parents Are In Jail

Found drunk in a house on Slocum street, Edwardsville, and with most of the husband's pay spent on booze, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy, of Idetown, were sent to jail in default of bail Monday, when arraigned before Alderman Frank Brown, of Wilkes-Barre.

Sunday night officer P. J. Garrity, acting Chief of Police of Harvey's Lake, found five small children, ranging in age from eight months to seven years, huddled together in a corner of a one-story frame house in Idetown. They had been alone in the unheated house and without food since Friday when their parents left for Wyoming Valley to draw the father's pay.

The children were thinly clad and attempted to keep warm as best they could by hugging close together. The toes and feet of the eight-months old child were frozen and the two boys and two girls were suffering from chest and head colds and hoarseness.

Officer Garrity took the children to his home, where they were given warm nourishment and put to bed. The infant was treated by Dr. George Rauch, of Noxen. Later the children were taken under the care of the United Charities.

At the hearing Monday, the parents denied that they intended to desert their children, but did not give any excuse for leaving the children alone Friday.