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One time when Harold Wagner was motoring along the Susquehanna below Sunbury he had quite a talk with a fellow who was acquainted with Simon Girty, who he mentioned in this column last week. Girty, you'll remember if you paid any attention, was the desperado who ranged along the Susquehanna in the days before the Revolution.

There's a place along the river below Selmsgrove, says Harold, where you can see Girty's profile in a natural formation of rocks.

Harold also told us about the old ferry that operated near Girty's cave. Robbing the passengers was one of Simon's greatest joys. He shot them first and then took their valuables.

Harold seems to have a great admiration for him.

Speaking of stone faces, there are two more along the river, besides Girty's. You can see one as you pass Tilbury's Knob at Nanticoke. It's quite far from the road and high up. By exercising great imagination you can agree that it looks like an Indian chief. There's another face on the West side of the river at Northumberland, high above the Susquehanna, half-hidden by scraggy pines and dwarf oaks. That's the face of Chief Shikellimy, viceroy of the Grand Council of the Iroquois, a big job in those days. As far as we know no one ever wrote any poetry about Girty's face or the Indian's face at Tilbury's Knob but there's a poem about the Northumberland stone face. It goes like this:

"Half up those rocks, conspicuous in place
Time's hand has chis'd Shikellimy's face."
The face is supposed to mark the spot where Shikellimy married Nensoma.

"They met like children, each admiring stood
Between the river and the fringe of wood."

More anent the iniquitous Mr. Girty, this time from this column's war correspondent, Fred M. Kiefer of Shrine View, whose volumes on the Civil War, he laid end to end, would have paved Sherman's march from Atlanta to the Sea.

From the Florida front Mr. Kiefer reports as follows:

"Your interesting words on the racial, Simon Girty under Post Scripts in last week's Post, brings to mind an equally base character named Greathouse, an Innkeeper near Fort Pitt in the early days of our Revolution.

"The height of Greathouse's viciousness culminated in the foul murder of the wife and entire family of the great Chief, Logan, after he had fed them raw whiskey to the point of unconsciousness.

"Logan, the Mingo, had been a firm friend of the colonists up to this time and had been of inestimable value to them by preventing his tribe from affiliating with the British, as many of the New York Indians had done. Logan, probably the most brilliant speaker of all red men, finished his justification to the settlers with these words, "There now runs not a drop of Logan's blood in any living person!" He then brought a terrible vengeance down upon the Americans."

"On the other hand, two local boys who made good were Daniel Boone, born near Reading, Pa., and Edward R. Bradley, born near Johnstown, Pa., who began life in the steel mills around Pittsburgh. Wandering to the southwest Bradley fought in the Frontier Wars with the Apaches and learned to gamble and today owns the largest gambling house in the United States, at Palm Beach, and raises and races thoroughbred horses from his stables in Kentucky, the "Idle Hour Farms."

"Four times winner of the Kentucky Derby with Bubbling Over, Bag n' Baggage, Burgoo King and Broker's Tip, he will try to repeat this spring. All his horses' names begin, you will notice, with the lucky Bradley "B."

"For the evil doings of Simon Girty see the novel, "Betty Zane", by Zane Grey; for the episode of Greathouse and Logan see the historically accurate novel, "Cardigan", by the late Robert W. Chambers; for the life of Boone see "Daniel Boone, Wilderness Scout", by Steward Edward White, and for a sketch on the life of E. R. Bradley see the January 19th issue of the "New Yorker."

A note from John V. Heffernan of The Independent always causes a flutter of excitement in our particular corner of the Post, something like the confusion which covers the second violinist when the maestro singles him out for attention.

This time Mr. Heffernan has caught us in an error—an error, we'll admit, of which we feel a little ashamed. Last week we ran a nonsense poem by an anonymous member of The Bucknell Bison Stampede staff. It was about a kangaroo. You may remember it. Anyway, to impress our vast literary background upon Postscribers we mentioned, quite casually, that the poem was similar to those of Thornton Burgess.

"The Bison Stampeder" wrote Mr. Heffernan "did a fine job in his rhyme about the kangaroo. But it wasn't Thornton Burgess who started that sort of thing. It was Gelett Burgess

Congressman's Friends Deny Contest Rumor

Indignant Over Reports That I. R. F. Will Bring Charges

POLITICS SEEN

Persons close to Congressman C. Elmer Dietrich of Tunkhannock this week expressed indignation over reports that a group known as the International Reform Federation intended to contest Mr. Dietrich's election to Congress.

First intimation of the charges, which friends of Mr. Dietrich called ridiculous, came from Gordon Mackay, Philadelphia newspaperman who conducts a column, "The Listening Post". Mr. Mackay wrote that a Rev. William Sheafe Chase will direct the contest.

"For weeks past" said Mr. Mackay, "emissaries and detectives of the reform organization have been conducting investigations into the election of Dietrich who, defeated Louis T. MacFadden of Canton by 601 votes."

Since Mr. Dietrich already has been seated and is busy at work in Washington, D. C., it was unlikely that the threats of a contest would materialize. Mr. Dietrich won the Democratic nomination and Mr. MacFadden, known for his various attempts to impeach President Hoover and for his tempestuous antics in Congress, had the Republican nomination. In the general election there was a tremendous swing to Mr. Dietrich and as a result he won the election, receiving a tremendous plurality from voters in the Southern end of Wyoming County.

Close friends of Mr. Dietrich in Tunkhannock said this week they had heard nothing of the charges and suspected them of being without foundation and motivated by political prejudice.

Mr. Mackay's comment follows: "Excessive use of money is one of the charges. One man, a resident of Towanda, is said to have boasted that he personally spent \$6,500 in the Dietrich campaign but the expense report of the candidate reveals only a contribution of \$500 from that source.

"Dietrich . . . received the financial backing and support of David T. Kaufmann of Towanda. The latter was defeated for the Republican nomination for lieutenant-governor in the 1934 primaries an duttered loud shouts that he had been double-crossed. Kaufmann \$10,000 into Philadelphia but received few votes in return.

"The irate Mr. Kaufmann vowed vengeance on Congressman MacFadden. After the election he is said to have boasted of being the principal contributor to MacFadden's defeat."

Miller Addresses Parents, Teachers

Good Attendance Marks Session Of Borough Group

Professor Joseph Miller, head of the Guidance Department of Wilkes-Barre City Schools, gave an interesting address before the large group which attended the meeting of Dallas Borough Parent-Teacher Association on Monday night in the high school.

In the absence of the president, James Ayre, Supervising Principal, Calvin McHose was in charge of the meeting.

The entertainment was given by the pupils from the sixth grade, under the supervision of R. H. Rood, teacher. A geography lesson on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was given by several pupils. Naomi Shaver gave several readings and Robert Niemeyer sang German songs.

Harold Hallock of Shavertown played trumpet solos, accompanied by Miss Lillian Rood of Dallas.

Attendance honors went to the sixth grade. Refreshments were served by mothers of sixth grade pupils.

U. of P. Professor Teachers' Speaker

Five Local School Areas To Join Here For Institute

A teachers' institute will be held in Dallas Borough High School on Monday afternoon at 1:30 for teachers of Lake Township, Lehman Township, Kingston Township, Dallas Township and Dallas Borough schools. This will be the second meeting of the year. The first was in Kingston Township High School.

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MORTALITY IN RACKETS KEEPS POSTMASTER KIRKENDALL BUSY

Postmaster George Kirkendall has a busy time these days keeping the rogues' gallery at the postoffice up to date. So fast is the Department of Justice eliminating public enemies, that the postmaster makes almost daily checks of the pictures and descriptions of wanted criminals that decorate the walls of the post office.

Whenever a dangerous criminal is at large for some offense against the Federal government or post office department, reproductions of his fingerprints, photographs and general description are sent out to all post offices of the United States. Of recent years there has been a marked increase in the number of women, and especially

'34 Crops Show 70 P. C. Gain Over Values Of 1932

Farmers Received Higher Prices; Corn And Hay In Lead

POTATOES LOW

The value of farm crops produced in Pennsylvania during 1934 shows a seventy per cent. gain over the record low total of 1932, according to the State Department of Agriculture. Substantially higher prices received by farmers were primarily responsible for this continued advance in aggregate value. The estimates for the past three years are: 1934, \$142,000,000; 1933, \$118,000,000; and 1932, \$84,000,000.

Value estimates must not be confused with cash income since a large proportion of the field crops grown in Pennsylvania is fed to livestock and sold in the form of livestock or livestock products. Department officials explain. Cash income estimates for 1934 covering all farm products sold, which will likely total roughly \$200,000,000 compared with \$171,000,000 in 1933, will be announced at a later date.

The records for 1934 easily sustain the standing of Pennsylvania as one of the leading agricultural states. The Commonwealth had the most valuable potato crop despite the low price, the third most valuable apple crop, and the fourth most valuable hay crop of any state. Furthermore, Pennsylvania ranked, among all the states, first in the production of buckwheat and cigar-leaf tobacco, fourth in rye, fifth in grapes, silage corn and cherries, eighth in pears and oats, ninth in corn, tenth in winter wheat, twelfth in peaches, and fourteenth in the value of all crops.

Corn Leads

The six most important Pennsylvania crops in order of their 1934 value are: corn, hay, potatoes, wheat, oats and apples. The potato crop which was one and a half times as large as in 1933, was worth only two thirds as much due to a drop from 90 to 41 cents a bushel in the average price paid farmers. All the leading crops with the exception of potatoes, showed an increase in unit value over 1933.

The following table gives the total production and estimated December 1 value of the principal crops produced in Pennsylvania during 1934:

Corn	\$40,780,100
Winter wheat	13,482,400
Oats	12,956,507
Barley	1,214,000
Rye	1,008,000
Buckwheat	1,615,000
White potatoes	13,940,300
Tame hay	33,711,200
Apples (total)	7,699,000
Peaches	813,000
Pears	289,000
Grapes	512,000

Lehman Grange To Install Officers

Alfred Bronson Master; Grangers Present At Farm Show

Lehman Grange will meet tomorrow (Saturday) night to install officers elected recently. Jackson Grange will have charge of the installation.

The officers, all re-elected, are: Master, Alfred Bronson; overseer, Elmer Wolfe; lecturer, Mrs. Jacob Rebenack; steward, Clinton Brown; assistant steward, Theodore Cornell; lady assistant, Mrs. Alfred Bronson; chaplain, Mrs. Herbert Payne; secretary, Mrs. John Hildebrand; treasurer, Jacob Winter, gate keeper, John Rebenack; Ceres, Miss Geraldine Cornell; Pomona, Mrs. Dana Davenport; Flora, Miss Iva Bronson; finance committee, Mr. Davenport; executive committee, John Hildebrand.

The following grangers are attending the Farm Products Show at Harrisburg this week:

Mr. and Mrs. John Hildebrand, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Payne, Mr. and Mrs. John Rebenack, Steven Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wolfe, and Miss Letha Wolfe.

Laing Fire Company Will Meet Tonight

Members of Henry M. Laing Fire Co. will meet tonight to discuss plans for two major events on the firemen's calendar, a dinner to be held soon and the annual entertainment. Because of the importance of the meeting a good crowd is expected.

Trolley Cars Crash Head On At Hillside

Two motormen were injured and a number of passengers were severely shaken when two Dallas street cars came together in a terrific head on collision between Birch Grove and Hillside yesterday afternoon about 1:30.

The injured:

Charles Merithew, 59, 29 North Dorrance Street, possible fracture of left ankle, lacerations left foot, lacerations of the body, face and thigh, Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

Russell Steele, 71 Eley Street, Forty Fort, minor lacerations of the face and body, discharged after treatment at Nesbitt Memorial hospital.

Mrs. Harry DeWitt, Trucksville, suffered a head contusion.

Merithew was motorman on the car bound for Wilkes-Barre and carried a number of passengers, including a group of street car men on their way to work. There were only a few passengers on the Northbound car, which was operated by Steele.

The force of the collision demolished the vestibules of both street cars and dislodged both cars from the rails. Windows in the cars were smashed by the impact.

Confusion of schedules as a result of Wednesday night's storm and possible failure of a signal light near the accident were believed to have been responsible for the crash.

Dallas Five Loses Rural Lead To Noxen Five

LEHMAN IMPROVES STANDING IN RACE

Dallas Borough basketball team, which has held first place position in the Rural League since the beginning of the season, dropped into second place this week as Noxen forged into the lead.

First threat to Dallas' lead came last Friday night when the local five lost to Trucksville, 33 to 25. It was only the second defeat since the beginning of the season and it resulted in a tie between Dallas and Noxen.

On Tuesday night Dallas lost to Trucksville again, 38 to 27 and Lehman defeated Shavertown, thereby creeping up to within one point of the Dallas team. A game scheduled to have been played between Lehman and Dallas on Wednesday night was postponed because of bad weather.

The schedule of games for next week follows:

Tuesday night, Shavertown at Trucksville.
Wednesday night, Shavertown at Lehman.
Thursday night, Trucksville at Noxen.
Friday night, Lehman at Dallas.

Annual Meeting On February 6

Agricultural Association To Elect Officer And Hear Speeches

The Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Association will hold its 20th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 6th in the Kingston American Legion Home on Market Street, Kingston.

Every farmer in the county is a member of this Association and should attend this meeting.

The morning session starts at 10:00 o'clock with reports of the activities of the Association both in Home Economics and Agriculture for 1934. These reports will be given by men and women who have carried out one of these projects during the year.

Officers will be elected for the year 1935.

The afternoon session will start at 1:30. This will consist of musical numbers and addresses.

A detailed program will be announced the latter part of this week. It is intimated that if the company goes through with its threat to discontinue service efforts will be made to have the plant operated by the two municipalities.

Stroh Is Speaker

Bert Stroh of the Commonwealth Telephone Company was the principal speaker at the meeting of Dallas Rotary Club last night at Colonial Tea Room. After the meeting the Rotarians inspected the local telephone exchange.

Township P. T. A.

Dallas Township Parent-Teacher Association met in the high school building on Monday night with Mrs. Harvey Kitchen presiding.

ILLNESS OF JUDGE POSTPONES NEWS OF CONTEST WINNERS

Because of the illness of one of the judges and the large number of letters to be read, prize-winning letters in the "Why I Like To Shop In Luzerne" contest sponsored by Luzerne merchants will not be announced this week as stated in last week's issue of The Post.

Prize winning letters will, however, be announced in next week's issue of the Post and placards bearing the names of the winners will be on display in all Luzerne stores which participated.

Council Turns Down Plan For Community Hall

Seeks PWA Funds For Road Projects, Instead

GUARD FINANCES

Expressing the opinion that the construction of a community hall, even with PWA assistance, would necessitate an unfair tax increase, members of Dallas Borough Council, at a meeting on Tuesday night, rejected unanimously the plan to build a new borough building.

At the same session the councilmen moved to have approval for three local paving projects which would guarantee employment to a number of men. If Federal agencies allot funds to provide for the labor, the borough will supply the materials and machinery to pave portions of Spring, Pinecrest and Ridge Streets.

It is likely that there will be a prompt approval of the relief projects and that the work will be started shortly.

The suggestion that a borough building, housing quarters for the fire truck, a recreation hall, council chambers and a jail, was revived at a recent meeting of Henry M. Laing Fire Co. At the meeting on Tuesday night L. V. Lacey, architect, addressed council and explained the plan.

Councilmen were of the opinion that the cost of the project to the borough would be prohibitive and would not meet with favor by persons who would resent the increase in taxes would probably be necessary.

No More Hemlock Bark At Tannery

Lumber Camps Once Buzzed To Provide Tanning Compound

The last of its hemlock bark, once an all-important factor in tanning, was ground recently by the J. K. Mosser Tanning company at Noxen. Henceforth the company will use only extracts, shipped in from Southern States in its tanning process.

No worker in the big tannery at Noxen can remember the time when bark has not played an important part in the manufacture of leather, although of recent years it has become a less important factor with the advent of new tanning processes and the production of tanning extracts.

In the early days the tanning industry closely followed the lumber industry and wherever there was a plentiful supply of bark a tannery could usually be found. Kunkle once had one of these thriving plants. So did Tunkhannock and scores of other communities located close to the bark supply. When the supply was exhausted the tannery not infrequently moved away to other locations where supplies of Hemlock bark and Chestnut wood were more plentiful.

When the tannery was established at Noxen more than a quarter of a century ago, that community was the center of one of the most active lumbering operations in Pennsylvania, and the big bark sheds were filled to overflowing while busy teamsters heaving fresh loads of bark to the bark mills were a daily sight. So great was the supply that much of the bark stored in those days was not ground until fifteen and twenty years later, long after lumbering operations had ceased in the immediate vicinity.

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Reese Isaacs Dies At Youngstown, O.

Funeral At Shavertown This Afternoon At 2

Reese Isaacs, aged 67, a native of Kunkle, died at the home of his brother, William, at Youngstown, O., of heart attack, this week. The funeral service will be held this afternoon (Friday) at 2 at the home of Mr. Isaacs' sister, Mrs. S. J. Woolbert at Shavertown. Interment will be in Woodlawn cemetery.

Mr. Isaacs is widely known here, having been born in Kunkle and spent most of his life in this section. He left here about twenty years ago.

The survivors include four brothers, John, Kunkle; Henry, Shavertown, and William, Youngstown, O., and two sisters, Mrs. Woolbert and Mrs. Charles Heidenreich of Wilkes-Barre.

MONTROSE PEOPLE OPPOSE RATE INCREASE ATTEMPT OF UTILITY

Indignant opposition to an attempt of the Consumers' Water Company of Montrose to collect an increase in water rental is reported by newspapers from that section. A meeting to discuss the increase was scheduled to have been held last night.

According to The Montrose Independent the increase is not an actual rate rise but is due to an item in the filed schedule of rates which the company has not been including in its billing for the past several years.

Under a schedule approved and effective April 1, 1920, the Consumers' Water Company was entitled to charge \$13 for a bath room in which there was a toilet, a bathtub and a wash basin. This charge was made up of \$5 for the toilet, \$5 for the washtub and \$3 for the wash basin. Until now the charge for the wash basin had been omitted from the billing.

According to the present manager, the decision to omit the wash basin charge was made by an official of a former holding company.

J. W. Patterson, vice-president and division manager of the Consumers' Water Co., promised to go to Montrose to meet consumers to discuss the increase in billings.

"The addition of the charge" says The Independent "has caused considerable indignation on the part of the consumers, most of whom are paying the increase under protest."