

POST SCRIPTS

COAL
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ERRORS

The next time you hear some of our good neighbors to the East call Wyoming Valley "the birthplace of anthracite" refer them to their ancient history. The Greeks had a word for it 2300 years ago.

It's true. As far back as 371 Theophrastus, one of Aristotle's brightest young men, was writing a treatise on stones mentioning "the coals which kindle and burn like wood coals." Someone going over the mountains to Olympus had picked them up around Liguria and Elis. It's from the Greek "anthracis" that we get "anthracite".

The early Britons used it, too, and the Romans. When the Imperial Legions overran the Isles they found the glowing "kohle" a great help in withstanding the raw British weather. In fact they were so disgusted with the weather that they went back home and didn't get mixed up with the English again until last year.

The first coal dealer (you'd be surprised where we picked up all this useful information) was Wilfred. A boy by the name of Wilfred used to bring us our paper. No relative. Wilfred leased the land of Sempringham from the Abbot Ceobred in 852, promising to deliver to the monastery each year "60 loads of wood, 12 loads of coal, etc." Then Wilfred bought a light truck and had his name painted on the back, "Coal and Ice", and had quite a business among the Saxon housewives until somebody invented the oil burner and the electric refrigerator.

Now, there is some excuse for the frequent claim of our cocky neighbors. But even if it were true that a company of Connecticut pioneers found coal in 1762 at the mouth of Mill Creek near what is now Wilkes-Barre, you couldn't really call it a "discovery". They say that an Indian gave "black stones" to a blacksmith who ran out of charcoal, and the Indians must have known about the presence of anthracite, but that was hundreds and hundreds of years after Theophrastus had put his record down in black and white.

The best we'll grant Wyoming Valley is that Obadiah Gore did run a forge with anthracite in 1769 and that the Proprietary Government of Pennsylvania did float some anthracite down the river to Harrisburg in 1775. That coal was hauled to Carlisle to be used in the manufacture of arms for the Continental Army.

Somehow this week we acquired a copy of the Mission Village News, a paper published in a suburb of Los Angeles. Robert E. Callahan, "author of seven books and a lover of the great outdoors" is the editor and, if we are any judge of style, the complete staff, of The News. From his unique paper we lift the following samples of refreshing journalism:

"Banjo Harry came in from the Burbank hills last Sunday to take Singing Sally out riding in his new Ford; he got a little careless with the steering wheel and they both had to walk back."

"Two-gun Ton-ka-wa got tired of working around our auto court some weeks ago and moved out into the cattle country. He has only been there five months, yet last week he shipped twelve steers and thirty-seven calves to market, which is pretty darn good, as he started business with only one saddle horse, a branding iron and a calf rope."

"Mr. and Mrs. Roland, a quiet and unassuming couple, came in from Ohio yesterday—spent part of the day, checked out and went up the coast for one reason or another, and today we had a long distance call from Pennsylvania wanting to know if we had seen her husband. You can never tell by looking at a frog how far a flea can jump."

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Even Texas Dogs Go High-Hat



Down Dallas (Texas) way even the pups are entering into the spirit of the coming Texas Centennial Exposition, which opens here June 6. Here is Bozette, 7-weeks-old, pedigreed Boston Terrier, getting into the spirit of things by using a ten-gallon hat for a kennel.

Local Dam In Good Shape, Says State

Engineers Find Huntsville Aided In Reducing Ravages

Huntsville Dam withstood the strain of recent high water staunchly and is in splendid condition, according to the Water and Power Resources Board of the Department of Forests and Waters, which this week completed a survey of important dams in Pennsylvania.

The inspection of the local dam was ordered by Secretary James F. Bogardus because of apprehension in some sections regarding the safety of all dams after the high water. During the flood in the Wyoming Valley imaginative rumors that the local dam was giving were frequent and caused considerable alarm, despite assurance of officials that the dam was holding.

Other important dams in this section which remained steadfast and afforded splendid flood control are the Brownell, Elmhurst, Lake, Scranton, Nesbitt, Pike Creek, and Watres dams, varying in height from 27 to 131 feet and forming reservoirs from 800,000,000 to 2,900,000,000 gallons of water.

New Contributions Add To Local Fund

Flood Relief Gifts Exceed \$419 In Dallas Area

Although the Red Cross headquarters in Dallas post office were closed last week additional contributions made locally this week sent the Dallas contribution to nearly \$420.

The contributions announced by Mrs. Peter Clark included \$15 from Dallas Township Schools, \$5 from the local branch of Jr. O. U. A. M., \$1 from Miss Glen Hice, \$2.35 from Dallas Borough Schools, and \$1 miscellaneous, which, added to the \$395.24 announced in last week's Post, brought the fund to \$419.59.

In addition, several contributions from local persons were made to the Wilkes-Barre headquarters. Any persons still desiring to contribute may give their money to George Kirkendall, Dallas postmaster, or Mrs. Clark, who will transfer it to the Wilkes-Barre headquarters.

The campaign for funds was launched by the Red Cross before the recent flood and was for \$13,000. When the flood struck throughout the East the quota was raised to \$35,000 to provide food, clothes and medicine for stricken families. That amount was raised within a week and since then public-spirited citizens of Wyoming Valley and neighboring sections have contributed an additional \$18,000 in excess of the amount sought.

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MARCH UPHOLDS RULE; COMES IN LIKE LAMB; GOES OUT LIKE LION

March, which began with balmy Spring weather, took its leave this week on the wings of stiff winds leaving behind it the wettest record in twenty years.

Most of the rain, records at the Huntsville Dam filter plant show, came in the second half of the month. In all, March accumulated 5.15 inches of rain, the heaviest falls coming from the seventeenth to the twenty-first and resulting in Wyoming Valley's disastrous flood.

The average March rainfall in this section is 2.45 inches, less than half of last month's record. The mean temperature for last month was 43.10, slightly warmer than the average March figure.

Will Incorporate Hillcrest Company

Public Service Commission Has Petition For Mt. Airy Service

The Public Service Commission was asked this week to approve incorporation of the Hillcrest Water Company to supply water to homes on Mt. Airy Terrace in Kingston Township.

The request was made by Harry F. Goeringer and Herbert N. Stark of Wilkes-Barre and Fred W. Malkemes of Shavertown. Par value of capital stock would be \$5,000, the Commission was told.

Commenting on the action yesterday, Mr. Goeringer explained that the water is being drawn now from a well drilled some time ago but never incorporated. Mr. Goeringer has two other private companies supplying water to tracts of land he is developing.

College To Give Biblical Drama

Funds To Go To Sisters Who Left Here For British Guiana

The dramatic society of College Misericordia will present "Pharaoh's Daughter", a prize-winning Biblical play, at Elmer L. Meyers High School on Thursday night, April 23, to raise funds for the benefit of the Leper Colony at Mahaica, British Guiana, South America.

Twelve nurses left the college here several months ago to labor in the leper colonies. The Sisters of this province will send two more to cook and nurse the stricken in the hospitals, where even the most primitive instruments for the alleviation of pain are lacking. Because of the loathsomeness of the disease, the lepers are shunned by all but the self-sacrificing nuns, who devote their lives to serving them.

The money from the play will be used to supply modern conveniences for the lepers. From the preliminary sale of tickets, it is evident that the Misericordia players are assured of a large audience.

Baiz Tells Clubmen About Boy Scouting

The importance of adult support in Boy Scouting was stressed by Christian Baiz, an executive of Wyoming Valley Council, Boy Scouts, before the Men's Club of Trucksville M. E. Church on Monday night, Mr. Baiz explained the purposes of "Cub" scout troops.

The men decided to hold a "Bee" to complete the parking space in front of the church this Saturday. Men and young men of the community are asked to help so the work can be completed before Palm Sunday.

Spirited Fight For Democratic Committee Posts

Members Of County Committees Will Be Named On April 28

FEW UNOPPOSED

Strong evidence of the renewed interest in the Democratic party locally is given in the scramble for Democratic County Committee posts which will be at stake in the Spring Primaries on April 28.

Although many Republican districts have only one candidate, the Democratic berths will be contested by as many as three or four candidates. One of the few districts where there will be no contest is the North District of Dallas Borough, where Thomas J. Healy is the lone candidate.

Local Republicans show signs of more unity behind candidates. In Lake and Lehman Townships only one candidate has filed for each Republican committee post. The stiffest Republican contest appears to be in the Northwest District of Kingston Township, where three candidates have filed for one G. O. P. position.

The committeeman holds a relatively unimportant position in the political machine except when he is serving as the collective base upon which that machine rests.

Complete list of committee candidates in this section follows:

Republican
Dallas Borough: South District, Forrester H. Still, William H. Price; North District, Morgan Wilcox.

Dallas Township: North District, Fred E. Honeywell, Palmer Upsyde; South District, Earl H. Layaon, Arthur Neuman; Middle District, Clifford Ide, Fred Turpin.

Jackson Township: William Habblett, Gustave Split, C. S. Norris, Edward McGinn filed, but withdrew.

Kingston Township: Northeast District, John L. Earl; Northwest District, Daniel M. Shaver, and Charles R. Howe; Southwest, Ralph L. Hazletine and Jessie C. Jones, Samuel J. Woolbert was a candidate but withdrew.

Lake Township: South District, Alfred Martin; North District, Benjamin S. Rood; Middle District, Russell Hoover.

Lehman: Middle District, Stanley Culp; Northeast District, Nelson Rogers; Southwest District, Bernard Zalsky.

Democratic
Dallas Borough: South District, Clarence Esser, Dorothy Esser; North District, Thomas J. Healy.

Dallas Township: South District, Della Schrey, William Griffiths, Jr., Andrew Kozemchak, Evan R. Brown; Middle District, Maude Garrahan, Michael Sedler; North District, Mary Jane Boston, Ralph Elston.

Jackson Township: W. A. Prutzman, Gwilym Evans, Verna M. Learn, Barney Laskowski, Joseph Levi.

Kingston Township: Southwest District, Nicholas A. Staub, Elizabeth H. Gobel, Albert Klum, Pearl M. Johnson, Charles A. Perkins; Southeast District, Gertrude Michael, David Culver; Northwest District, Martin Bilbow, Maritta Warden.

Lake Township: South District, Peter Eckerl, Margaret Lukasavage, Michael McHugh, Leona McHugh; North District, Alexander Kocher, Helen B. Javers, Liva Rauch Delaney; Middle District, Arvilla Zash, Clarence Gray, Christ Milbrodt.

Lehman: Northeast District, Joseph W. Park, Thomas Davis, Leona Moore; Middle District, Martin Yozwiak, Mary Stolarick; Southwest, Joseph Ronczka.

Flees Flood; Dies At Nephew's Home

Miss Emily Calman Succumbs Of Pneumonia At Dallas

Miss Emily Calman, 67, who fled to the home of her nephew here when flood waters threatened her residence in Wilkes-Barre two weeks ago, died on Monday night of pneumonia.

Miss Calman had lived with her sister, Mrs. Laura Moss, 25 Oak Street, Wilkes-Barre. When the rising Susquehanna inundated the Southern section of Wilkes-Barre, Miss Calman was brought to the home of her nephew, Delbert L. Moss, Church Street, Dallas, where she contracted pneumonia.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Beside her sister, Mrs. Moss, she is survived by three nieces, Mrs. F. K. Miller, of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Lewis Krebs of Port Carbon, and Mrs. Ellen Lewis of Wilkes-Barre, and two nephews, Delbert Moss of Dallas and William H. Moss of Wilkes-Barre.

Local Towns Share Liquor Fee Funds

Lake Township Receives \$675 Largest Of Five Checks

Five local communities received checks totalling more than \$2,000 this week for their share of money received from licenses permitting retail sales of liquor within their borders.

Dallas Borough, which has only retail liquor outlet, received the smallest amount, \$57. Lake Township received the largest share, \$675.

Other communities which shared the \$2,596.359 which the State distributed this week are: Dallas Township, \$583; Kingston Township, \$316, and Lehman Township, \$250.

HAS IMPORTANT ROLE



Mrs. Thomas Robinson, who has one of the important roles in "Here and There", the annual production of Henry M. Laing Fire Co., which will be given on Thursday and Friday nights, April 16 and 17, in Dallas Borough High School auditorium.

Hillside Blazes Fought Near Here

Stiff Winds Dry Woods And Raise Forest Fire Menace

Despite the heavy rainfall during March, hillsides near Dallas are dry enough to compel the vigilance of forest fire wardens, who fought four fires near here this week.

E. W. Whispell, who has charge of the Dallas Fire tower, has urged extreme caution in the use of fires in the woods and has urged that any farmers burning brush notify their district warden or the tower, Dallas 153-R-16.

Two fires were reported last Sunday. A blaze sighted at the local tower burned over eight acres above Wyoming before eleven men under command of Stanley Vincent extinguished it. On Sunday afternoon fourteen men under George Vietch fought a blaze which burned over fifteen acres near Court-dale.

Phillip Kunkle's crew of four men extinguished a one-acre fire on Monday near DeMund's Corner. Later in the week a fire on Bunker Hill in Kingston Township occupied seven fire fighters under direction of Melvin Hewitt.

On Sunday afternoon Shavertown firemen were called to the Mt. Airy Terrace Section to extinguish a brush fire which had escaped control of a group burning brush. After working for half an hour, the firemen succeeded in extinguishing the flames before they reached a valuable apple orchard. Although lowlands are still moist, Mr. Whispell says the stiff winds recently have dried hillsides to the extent that they present fire hazards.

Shavertown Girl Winning Speaker

Oratory Takes Prize In Annual County-Wide Contest

Grace Elodie McGuire, a student at Kingston Township High School, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGuire of East Center Street, Shavertown, won first prize in the county-wide oratorical contest for girls in Forty-Fort High School on Wednesday night.

The contest, which attracted entries from all parts of the county, was sponsored by Luzerne County Principals' and Supervising Principals' Society. As a result of Miss McGuire's victory, she received a handsome medal and the school received a cup.

The title of Miss McGuire's original oration was "Onward, Constitution!"

Motor Club Erects School Zone Signs

Nine school zone signs were erected in Fernbrook, Trucksville and Shavertown by Wyoming Valley Motor Club this week at the request of Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club.

Many Rare Varieties Included In 13,000 Gladioli For Local Garden

Although it will be four months before visitors begin to inspect the blaze of color which is Mrs. George Sawyer's large garden on Church Street, the tremendous task of nourishing 13,000 bulbs to blooming health is already underway.

All winter the plants were stored at a temperature of 45 degrees and as a result they weathered the severe winter amazingly well. Now, Mrs. Sawyer is in the midst of the three-month task of cutting the bulbs and preparing the dahlias and gladioli for planting late this month, weather permitting.

Mrs. Sawyer's collection of dahlias is one of the largest in this section. Last year she raised over 100 different varieties, besides many that were produced from seeds, including the new orchid type. During August and September her garden attracted many visitors. Her dahlias won more than fifty ribbons in flower shows last year.

This year, Mrs. Sawyer promises to have an even more interesting exhibit, since she has acquired many more recent varieties, including some imported from France, Canada, Holland, Germany and other foreign countries.

Vigorous Tilt Marks Board's Budget Meeting

Dallas Directors Fix Levy At 28.5, Same As Last Year

DISQUE CHALLENGED

Smouldering factionalism on Dallas Borough School Board burst into flame at Wednesday night's meeting when Henry Disque, deposed leader of last year's majority, launched an attack on the budget proposed for the year beginning in July.

A two-hour debate over the suggested budget and the basic millage was climaxed by an acrimonious exchange of personalities and the threat of a fist fight. The argument concluded with the adoption of a basic levy of 28.5 mills, the minority dissenting.

At earlier meetings of Jack Roberts, Clyde Lapp and Harry Pittman, members of the budget committee, and solicitor Burt Lewis and Supervising Principal Norman Dinger a tentative budget had been drawn to permit a reserve which could be used for the payment of long-standing debts if necessary.

Although the millage had exceeded 28.5 once during Mr. Disque's leadership of the old board, he made a motion at Wednesday night's meeting that it be reduced to 28, one-half mill lower than last year. Mr. Pittman, a member of the budget committee, voted with Mr. Disque, but the motion was defeated by Dr. G. K. Swartz, Mr. Lapp and Mr. Roberts, majority directors.

Immediately afterward, a motion to fix the millage at 28.5 as of last year, was passed, with Swartz, Lapp and Roberts voting in the affirmative and Disque and Pittman dissenting.

The clash between Mr. Disque and members of the minority reached its climax when Disque ordered Mr. Roberts to "shut his mouth" and Roberts sprung up to challenge Disque.

Mr. Disque complained that the adoption of the millage was illegal, because the budget had not yet been approved finally. It was pointed out to him that he had made the original motion for immediate fixing of the millage.

The tentative budget is for \$38,000 and will be posted through the borough before it is adopted finally, probably at the regular May meeting. All directors had copies of the budget to study before the meeting.

The basic millage of 28.5 is on a valuation of \$653,385.

The board directed Daniel Waters, secretary, to secure 60-day binders on three insurance policies, amounting to slightly more than \$9,000, so arrangements can be made to stagger the premiums over longer periods for the sake of economy.

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Election Stalls By-Pass Project

Back Road Given Preference Over Long-Awaited Measure

The long-cherished plans for the Luzerne by-pass seemed to be bogged down in the State's primary election this week as proponents of the project marked time, preparatory to carrying their campaign to Secretary of Highways Warren Van Dyke.

It was reported on good authority that the State Highway Department had agreed under pressure of county political leaders, to construct the back road from Luzerne to Wyoming, through Maltby, ahead of the Luzerne by-pass.

Local leaders in the movement met this week to review progress in the campaign and to discuss plans which might bring the project to a successful conclusion. It is probable that definite plans for the sending of a delegation to Harrisburg will be announced next week.

It is also understood that there is an alternate plan under consideration but not ready for public announcement. One suggestion made this week was that, since the by-pass seems already to have been involved in politics, it might be advantageous to make it an issue of the election and to put on record the attitude of candidates toward it.