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Babies In Post's Contest Await Signal To Start

\$100 Cash Prize And Engraved Silver Loving Cup Awaits
Child Selected Regent Of Babyland; Group Of Public-Spirited Merchants Join In Unique Plan

ALL CHILDREN SIX YEARS OR UNDER INVITED

By THE BABY CONTEST EDITOR

They're on their mark! They're set! And today they'll toddle away from the starting line, their bright eyes fixed on the big silver loving cup and the \$100 cash prize which awaits the winner in this section's first Baby Contest.

For tomorrow The Post and the merchants who are helping to make the \$500 worth of prizes possible will launch their campaign to select the Regent of Babyland, the most popular baby in The Post's territory.

Already a few early entrants are on the field, shaking their rattles impatiently and gurgling their irritation because they can't start immediately.

How To Enter

The success of any race depends greatly upon the number of entries. We're anxious to have a good starting list in this one. That should be easy, because the only requirement for entry is that the child be six years of age or under. And any baby—rich or poor, fat or slender, girl or boy, from Dallas or in any of its neighboring communities as far as Noxen and Beaumont and Luzerne and Lehman will have an equal chance to take one of the fifteen cash prizes.

It's easy to enter a baby's name in the contest. One way is to fill in the Entry Blank in the advertisement on Page 7, and mail it to the Baby Contest Editor, The Post, or, better yet, bring it personally to the Contest Headquarters. The staff at that office will be happy to explain details of the contest and advise entrants on how to roll up votes early.

Here's one suggestion. Get started early. There is no definite time when entries are stopped because a baby can enter the contest at any time, but the babies that begin to garner votes in the first week will have an early advantage.

How To Vote

Everyone can vote—whether they are parents of a baby entered or not. In fact, most of the votes will be cast, probably, by friends of the different babies.

The voting tickets have been distributed to 12 merchants and business men in this section. If the stores where you shop have no votes suggest that they communicate with The Post to learn how they may distribute votes.

As the contest starts, these business places have votes to distribute: Gregory's Clothing Store, Schindler's Bakery, Kuehn's Drug Store, The Economy Store, B. & B. Supply Co., Devens Milling Co., C. A. Frantz, Add Woolbert's Auto Service, Williams' Five-Ten, to One Dallas Store, Woolbert's Market, Evans Pharmacy, and Arch Jackson, grocer.

When you buy anything at any of these places ask for your baby contest votes. Write the name of your favorite contestant on the ticket and deposit the votes in the ballot box located in the Baby Contest Office. The votes will be counted each Monday and the standings reported in The Post.

The first list of contestants will appear in The Post next week and pictures of the babies will be printed starting the following week.

List Of Prizes

The list of prizes in the Baby Contest follows:
First \$100 in Cash and a beautiful silver loving cup engraved with the baby's name.
Second Prize \$50.00
Third Prize 25.00
Fourth Prize 15.00
Fifth Prize 10.00
6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th Prizes 5.00
11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th Prizes 2.50
A special fund of \$22,250 has been set aside to pay commissions and awards other than these prizes.

Farm Hours

The old saying, "a farmer's work is never done," should now be amended to read in the past tense. A survey of 250 farms in four typical farming communities reveals that, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, the average farmer apportions his day as follows: Field work, 7.3 hours; chores, 1.5 hours; sleep, 8.2 hours; leisure, 4.2 hours; meals, 2.3 hours.

POST SCRIPTS

FILLER
FOR
A
HEAT
WAVE

By this time most of our readers must know that the dusty personal experiences we resurrect occasionally are pretty flimsy substitutes for the strictly local sidelights which are supposed to occupy this space. We believe anyone who has lived through the latest heat wave will understand why ideas for a column would be scarce this week. It was probably the mental torture of trying to conjure something that would be worth putting down that reminded us of the time we tried to help a crazy man find his long-lost family, and sent us rooting through old papers to find his story, truly one of the most interesting manuscripts we ever received.

This, then, is his column, not ours. He was sitting at our typewriter one day when we came into the office, a slim youth with unusually blue eyes and wavy blond hair which curled back from his high, wide forehead, the picture, we decided immediately, of a poet.

He was demented. That dawned upon us gradually as he explained why he was sitting there pecking at our typewriter with his index fingers. He had come to a newspaper because he believed that if we printed the story he was writing it might help him to find the family from which he had been separated some years before.

We listened to that, and we gathered, too, that he had recently been in the Navy. He had filled one page of copy and, with a vague realization that we were involving ourselves in something extremely unusual, we accepted his invitation to take it and read it. Later we went to a library and looked up other things that had supposedly been written by lunatics. In most of them we found the same morose quality—a mood which, we suspect, no sane person can capture. Because we have never read anything quite like this Lunatic's tale we have kept it, exactly as he wrote it.

This is what he had written:

"I WILL TELL YOU MY STORY, THE STORY THAT NEVER BEEN TOLD BEFORE. THE BEGINNING WAS THAT DAY, WHEN I WAS NOT AWAKE.

"The Year of 1910, was when I was taking away from my mother, and then was put in the care of the county commissions for support my stepfather was the cause of the toruble making, the toruble, he said to my mother if you don't get read of them childrens of your I will, no said mother there are my childrens and you are not going to do anything with them, well said the stepfather I am going away and if I find them little rats here when I come back I take them and leave them in to some woods.

THE RETRUN BACK

"mother still kept her word, Herbert, Harry, Helen, and Kate, the childrens were that was not to be with their mother when there stepfather ave, here returned the toruble maker, sneaken up the back steps drunken and raveing every body was to sleep.
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DOG-KILLINGS LAID TO MAN WHO THREATENED SHAVERTOWN FOLKS

A mysterious man who has been warning Shavertown dog-owners that he intends to shoot their pets apparently carried out his threat this week for two valuable dogs both licensed, were wounded, and angry residents of the section are expected to take action toward punishing a man suspected of the shooting.

A handsome black and white husky, "Wimpy", owned by Carrie McKeever, was shot Monday morning about 7:30 and a large calibre bullet was extracted from his hip. The dog is expected to recover. A police dog owned by a family on Holly Street also was shot.

The man who wounded the dogs is believed to have been the same one who has warned several residents of the section that he intends to kill their dogs. Some time ago he warned Mrs. McKeever and she offered to pay for any damage her dog, which seldom runs loose, had done. Last Sunday the

FARLEY'S MATCH?



One of the most-photographed young men in the country these days is John D. M. Hamilton of Topeka, Kan., new chairman of the Republican National Committee. In contrast to his sober-minded predecessors, Mr. Hamilton has entered into the campaign with the same restless vigor he displayed in securing the G. O. P. nomination for Governor Landon. He matches Jim Farley in wildly enthusiastic predictions of victory for this Fall.

Plans Move Along For Legion Affair

Notable List Of Entries Is Assured For Horse Show Next Month

Plans for the American Legion Horse Show and Field Day to be held at John Robinson's farm the last week in August or first in September were given added impetus this week with the announcement by the general committee that some of the best horses from Wyoming Valley, Hazleton and Scranton will compete. Co-operation of Pennsylvania State Police, American Legion Drum Corps and an American Legion Band were also assured.

At the meeting of Post 672 on Wednesday night Major Manley of the United States Army outlined plans for the various riding and jumping events and the general routine of the show which will include exhibitions by the famed State Police horsemen from Troop B at Wyoming, pulling and team work by local draft horses, exhibitions by at least three American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps and music by an American Legion Band.

Major Manley, who is an outstanding horseman and a former member of the American Polo team, was enthusiastic in his belief that the show will be one of the most successful ever held in this region and that it will become an annual affair.

Head-on Collision At Lake Injures 7

Bail For Driver Placed At \$1,000 After Alderson Crash

Seven persons were injured, none of them seriously, when an automobile driven by a Dunmore auto dealer swerved across the center of the roadway near the Alderson Saw Mill, Harvey's Lake, and crashed head-on into a car carrying six persons, Wednesday.

Chief of Police Ira C. Stevenson, Harvey's Lake, reports an examination after the accident by Dr. H. A. Brown of Lehman indicated Scandone was intoxicated. Scandone was treated first at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital and then given a hearing before Squire R. A. Davis of Alderson, who fixed the bail at \$1,000.

In default of the bail, Scandone was taken to Luzerne County Prison but complained upon arriving there that he was injured. Chief Stevenson took him to General Hospital for the night and X-rays were to be taken yesterday.

The car which Scandone's automobile struck was driven by Frank Shiner, 27, Lloyd's Lane, Wilkes-Barre. Shiner and three of his passengers, Susan Richards, 25, Kingston, Mrs. Zaka Albert 36, Wilkes-Barre, and Theresa Shiner 3, Kingston, were treated at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. Two other passengers, Peter George, 16, Wilkes-Barre and Mary Decker, Wilkes-Barre, were treated at Homeopathic Hospital.

Patrolman Thomas Carl and Fred Swanson of the Harvey's Lake Police force helped to investigate the accident.

Cool Breezes Blow Heat Wave Away But Drought Threatens Crop Loss

DEATH-DEALING SPELL SPREADS SEARED WAKE

This section's most severe heat wave in all recorded history departed this week on the wings of light, cool breezes, leaving in its seared wake another unwelcome spectre—drought.

Rain—promised since last Monday—held stubbornly off while stunted crops suffered, well levels sank dangerously low, domestic water consumers heard appeals to conserve the supply and tinder-dry woods raised the menace of forest fires.

Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Association reported this season has been the driest within memory.

Fires Underground

The unprecedented lack of rain has forced constant vigilance at the Dallas Fire Tower, which scans neighboring mountains day and night for conflagrations. Four fires have been reported in the last week.

One blaze, on the mountain at Birch Grove, near Harry Harter's dairy, burned for three days, although it only consumed about a half-acre of forest. The ground is so dry the fire travelled deep into the earth to smoulder.

E. W. Whispell, towerman, yesterday made an urgent plea for extreme caution in the woods.

Henry M. Laing Fire Co. extinguished a slight brush fire near the site of the old car barn on Wednesday evening. About fifty men and boys helped to extinguish the blaze.

Water Supply Adequate

Dallas-Shavertown Water Co. assured consumers this week that the water supply will be adequate if it is not wasted. An official said rain is needed badly and the most strict measures for conservation of the supply have been adopted. He particularly warned consumers that the use of a hose will not be permitted.

Consumers complained vigorously early in the week when the company shut off its Spencer and Sylvius wells during the night hours, but officials

insisted the move was necessary. There were also frequent complaints of low pressure and an inadequate service in homes in the higher sections of the borough.

Early in the week the company made efforts to secure an auxiliary well and approached Dallas Township School Board, which has its own water supply. The company refused, however, to pay the \$10-a-day rent which the township school district asked for the use of its well for a week.

It was intimated yesterday, though, that the company is about to close negotiations with W. C. Shepherd for the use of his large well.

Crops Feel Drought

Farmers in this section will suffer a terrific loss unless rains fall soon.

This year will go down in history as one of the most arid spells this section ever suffered. J. D. Hutchison, county farm agent, predicted yesterday. He pointed out that only local showers have been felt since the heavy rains in March and as a result crops are withering, growth has been stunted and prices are rising.

Pastures are drying up and dairy-men have the problem of determining what to feed their animals to take the place of pasture. Poultry feed has taken a \$10 jump in two weeks and bran and middlings for dairy feed have increased in prices \$12 to \$15.

Because of the expense of feeding
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G. O. P. Opens Local Campaign At Rally

Republican Fight This Year Compared To Lincoln's In 1858

The opening gun in Luzerne County's 1936 Presidential campaign was fired at Lehman High School on Tuesday night when the National Republican Builders of Luzerne County held the first of a series of political rallies to be held in various parts of the county between now and November.

Vigorous attacks upon the New Deal and optimistic predictions of victory this Fall for Landon and Knox featured the spirited addresses by prominent local and Wyoming Valley Republicans. Lloyd E. Meyer, president of the county branch of the Republican Builders, was chairman and Rev. Howard B. Willets, pastor of Lehman M. E. Church, invoked divine blessing.

A review of the Republican Convention at Cleveland last month was given by Attorney Frank P. Slattery, Jr. He was the first speaker to emphasize that conditions today are similar to that at the time of Abraham Lincoln's election. He compared the "farmer from Illinois" in 1858 with the "farmer from Kansas" in 1936. "If Landon belongs to the horse and buggy days" Slattery said "we should all take a ride in his buggy."

Reese D. Hughes, who attended the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia as a visitor, observed the radio listeners received a mistaken impression as to the enthusiasm and crowds. He said a general confusion characterized the convention.

Frank Davenport attacked government waste and inefficiency, aiming his remarks particularly at PWA projects in the county. Mr. Meyer explained the work of the Republican Builders and appealed to voters of all parties to join in the crusade to block the New Deal.

Zubrod To Referee

Bob Zubrod, Y. M. C. A. swimming instructor at Wilkes-Barre, will be referee at the water carnival to be held Sunday afternoon at Harvey's Lake.

LAKE TOWNSHIP TRACT AMONG THOSE APPROVED BY STATE GAME BOARD

Wooded tracts totalling more than 4,336 acres in Ross, Lake and Fairmount Townships have been approved for purchase by the Board of Game Commissioners at Harrisburg for use as State Game Lands.

The acreage is part of a total of 39,235.9 acres of land approved for purchase by the board at a recent meeting. The purchases will bring the total of State game lands to more than 500,000 acres.

Board Anxiously Awaits Decision

Report Has It Judge Fine's Ruling To Be Handed Down Soon

Judge John S. Fine's decision on the complaint of a group of Dallas taxpayers that the new budget of the Borough School Board is "illegal, excessive, extravagant, and uncalled for" probably will be handed down today or tomorrow.

Although there was no official verification, it was reported about town yesterday that the decision is about ready and can be expected at any time.

Since late in May, when Stanley Doll and other taxpayers asked Judge Fine for an injunction to restrain the borough school board from proceeding with its 1936 duplicate, the board has been bound by a temporary order which has made it two weeks late with its duplicate.

The final testimony on the case was heard late in June. Two other suits supported by embittered minority groups of taxpayers have already been decided in favor of the school board.

Local Men Among "Hunger Marchers"

Storm Senate And Demand Funds For State's 600,000 Unemployed

Nine local men, most of them active in affairs of the Unemployed League of Luzerne County, joined the "Hunger March" which descended on Harrisburg this week and broke the long deadlock over relief funds.

The marchers stormed the Senate on Monday night, threatening to stay at the Capitol until the legislators, starting the eleventh week of their special session, provided adequate relief funds for Pennsylvania's 600,000 unemployed.

Demanding \$100,000,000, the marchers jammed the galleries and milled outside, booing the Senators who had refused to approve Governor Earle's tax bill. Early Tuesday morning the Senate compromised on an appropriation of \$45,000,000.

The local men who went to Harrisburg to take part in the storming of the Senate were Herbert Lahr, Russell Lahr, Ted Hughes, R. Hest, H. Jones, A. Alling Horace Hall, Mr. Myrick and Morris King.

Borough Firemen Start Drive For Cash Donations

Substitute Direct Appeal For Annual Late Summer Carnival

APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

Varying from its annual custom of conducting a carnival each Summer to raise money for maintenance, Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Co. yesterday launched a direct appeal to citizens of Dallas Borough and Dallas Township for cash contributions.

If the new plan is successful, the firemen will abandon their money-raising events throughout the year and, instead, come directly to the people once a year for the money that is needed to operate the volunteer company. It is believed that the current experiment will be a much more dignified way to finance the company and will win wide public indorsement.

Volunteer workers have received subscription cards which they will fill in and distribute to subscribers to the maintenance fund. A record of the gifts will be kept and acknowledged in The Post.

Service Record Bright

In the past the fire company has depended for revenue on its profit from carnivals, dances, shows, suppers, etc. A great part of the responsibility for such affairs, has been carried by a small, loyal group of workers. Sometimes, after paying expenses, the net profit has scarcely been worth the hard work.

A great many citizens who recognize their responsibility to the volunteer company, which has always been financed by voluntary public aid, have expressed their preference for the direct cash contribution, rather than spending money for something from which the firemen receive only a modest percentage.

The company's record of service to the two communities is bright and merits the appreciation of the citizenry. In the past ten years the Laing Fire Company has fought approximately 135 fires. Some of these, of course, were small brush fires, but many were serious blazes and as far as can be determined the amount of property saved is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$200,000. This does not include the saving of properties which were near the fires and which might have been consumed by flames had the first blaze not been extinguished promptly.

Organized in 1926, the company has raised about \$15,000 for its equipment and maintenance. Approximately \$8,000 of that amount was publicly subscribed at the time the fire truck was purchased. The balance has been raised since through carnivals and other affairs sponsored by the firemen.

Costs About \$700 Yearly

The annual maintenance of the company averages about \$700. This includes such items as insurance of all kinds on the truck, as required by law, chemicals, raincoats, rubber boots, gasoline, oil, tires, repairs, parts, replacement of hoses, stationery, postage, \$50 yearly salary for the secretary, \$15 per month salary for a janitor for the winter months, etc.

The company also paid its debts and has a bank balance of \$400 in the building fund account and \$100 in the general fund account. All money raised in excess of the amount needed for general operating expenses will be added to a fund which will be used eventually to acquire a building lot and erect a community hall.

There should be little difficulty in raising a sizable amount. Henry M. Laing Fire Company served a direct population of 5,300 persons and assists other fire companies covering an additional population of 6,500 persons.

The campaign was started yesterday and will continue until late in August when the Ladies' Auxiliary will serve a Victory Dinner to climax the drive. The auxiliary has been a valuable asset to the local company always and has been responsible for a good part of the money raised. It works with its brother-organization in every civic project and has an alert and vigorous organization of its own.

In connection with the current campaign for funds, the committee in charge of the drive last night issued
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TRACY EXPECTED TO REACH HAWAII, GOAL IN REGATTA, THIS WEEK-END

There's a decided air of expectancy these days about the little white hom in Shavertown where Mrs. W. L. Tracy awaits news of her famous moving picture star son, Lee, who is somewhere in the Pacific aboard his yacht, Ad racing toward Hawaii.

Only once since Lee sailed out of Santa Monica, Cal., harbor on July 4 in the annual 2,000 mile race to Honolulu has Mrs. Tracy heard from him. Last Sunday she received a telegram which had been relayed to her from the West Coast by one of her son's friends. It reported that the regatta had reached the half-way mark. It did not report the positions of the twenty-two sailboats in the race.

Mr. Tracy, his captain, his cook, his radio operator and his crew of three friends are expected to reach Honolulu, the end of the race, after about a fifteen-day sail. That would bring them to the islands on Sunday, unless they

have been delayed by low winds. The cinema star and his crew will stay on the islands for about ten days and return along a leisurely route, taking about three weeks for the easy pace. Sometime later this summer Mrs. Tracy will make another trip to Hollywood, where Lee is one of the most popular stars in the film colony. Mrs. Tracy's excitement over the race is almost equalled by the interest of people throughout this section who have a deep respect for the star's charming personality and his ovation in the movie world.