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One Of The Favorite Hobbies Of The Father Of His Country Was "Looking Out For George". Says Rives Mathews in His Column on The Editorial Page.

Next Week's Post Will Bring You Our New Serial, "Maid Of Salem", An Historical Novel Written By Samuel Hopkins, Who Wrote "The Gorgeous Hussy".

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POST SCRIPTS

DRAWING
DUCK
FLANNELS
TEA
STRAIN

Anyone who has ever seen any of the drawings of Severn Newberry of Noxon will admit to that young man's talents. It is an amazing thing to us that he has not already won wider recognition for his work and we cannot help but feel that his opportunity for fame is not far around the corner.

There was one time when opportunity knocked and found Severn too worried to bother about it. His drawings had attracted the attention of a firm which was manufacturing animated pictures for the moving pictures and Severn was invited to come to New York to try his hand.

Now Severn lived in a town which had a full complement of domestic poultry so you would expect that he would not be daunted when someone told him, as his first assignment, to draw a duck. But, as Severn once related the story to us, on that day his wits were added, and stare as he would at his drawing board he could not visualize a duck. After several desperate starts Severn, who was then very young, got up, walked out, and came home.

We recall the story every time we sit in the movies and see Walt Disney's fabulously famous Donald Duck waddle across the screen and wonder where Severn Newberry would be now if he had been able to draw a duck that day.

The directors of Dallas Borough School Board crossed paths with a basketball game at their last meeting and almost had to retire in defeat.

The board meeting, scheduled originally for Wednesday, was changed to Thursday night as a convenience to several members and it so happened that on that night there was also to be a program of sports in the gymnasium.

As a result the directors had no sooner applied themselves to the business of the district than they began to be interrupted by curious groups of people sauntering casually into the room, staring at the board for a few minutes and then departing.

Jack Roberts, one of the directors, felt the full weight of the conflict in dates for before he knew that the board was to meet he had promised to play in a comic basketball game scheduled as a part of the gymnasium program.

Divided between his desire to fill his sworn duties as a school director and his equally strong desire not to break his word to the athletic committee, Jack shuttled between the meeting and the game most of the evening, presenting himself once in a suit of red flannel underwear which was his costume during his more athletic periods.

It was evident that the monotonous routine of administering a school district could not compete against the competitions in the gym. Art Dungey, Pete Clark, Ira Cooke and a few others stuck loyally by the directors, sitting through most of the meeting, but the majority of the visitors just dropped in, took a look at the board, discovered everything was harmonious, and left.

The constant ebb and flow of its audience put the directors in a difficult position. Of course it was a public meeting and as citizens, the visitors were welcome. But the excitement certainly wasn't contributing to the mental efficiency of the directors and the spirit of camaraderie couldn't be called the best atmosphere for men who were anxious to get their work done.

The high point of the evening came when Dr. G. K. Swartz, the board's president, was called away. By that time Mr. Roberts, who is vice-president and presides in Mr. Swartz's absence, was involved in the basketball game. Surviving directors suggested that Henry Disque, as senior member of the board, preside, but he begged off and the job finally went to Clyde Lapp, who, with Stanley Davies, new director, was the only member of the board who sat through the meeting from its beginning to its end.

Next week, we are informed, will mark the 447th birthday of the world's most widely consumed beverage—tea. It was discovered in 237 B. C. Since then it has become the world's foremost drink, next, of course to water. People drink about 304 billion cups a year now, enough, someone has figured, to make one cup of tea 42½ feet deep. (Continued on Page 5)

COURT CANNOT RETURN \$10,000 BAIL FORFEITED IN LAKE CASE

The final chapter to a story which began ten years ago when the automobile of Robert Murray, Wilkes-Barre, fatally injured Arthur Lewis at Harvey's Lake, was written in Luzerne County courts this week.

Murray was released on \$10,000 bail but when the case was called he had disappeared. All trace was lost of him for nine years until last fall when he was arrested at San Antonio, Tex., and returned here for trial. He was sentenced to two years in Luzerne County prison.

Jacob Simon of Mocaqua, who had qualified as bailman at the re-

DIRECTS 1939 FAIR



Grover Whalen, erstwhile official greeter for Manhattan and once the metropolis's police commissioner, now is President of the New York World's Fair Corp., which is beginning to construct buildings for the 1939 international exposition. The fair will be dedicated to a more effective relationship between man and his world. Fifty million visitors are expected from all parts of the world.

Township Expects Spirited Contests

Six Major Offices at Stake In This Year's Election

The political influences in Dallas Township, where six major offices will be at stake in the Fall elections, are already busily at work aligning slates and attempting to smooth out political rivalries which may be climaxed by a spirited battle for Republican nominations in September.

One of the warmest contests will center about the school board positions. The terms of Arthur Netman and Harvey Kitchen, incumbents, expire this year. The names of George Gregson and Herbert Lundy, both prominent residents of the township, have been mentioned as possible candidates.

John Isaacs, tax collector, is being urged to be a candidate again. Also mentioned about town are the names of Merle Shaver, Alec Mahoney, Charles Reigle and Mrs. Minnie Kunkle.

The term of one Township Commissioner, William Martin, expires. John Anderson's name has been mentioned in connection with the election to that office.

A flock of candidates are said to be considering the Justice of the Peace offices, now held by Frank Neyhardt and John Yaple, whose terms expire. Both men will probably be candidates for re-election and their opponents may include Ray Henney, Fred Huey, Bill Vivian and Nelson Moore.

Near-Zero Weather Spurs Ice Cutters

Between 40 and 50 Tons Daily Being Shipped Over Local Line

Between forty and fifty carloads of ice are now being shipped down over the Bowman's Creek Branch daily as the result of the ice harvest at Splash Dam. Recently sixty carloads were harvested in one day. The ice is about 12½ inches thick and is of excellent quality, making this one of the busiest seasons at the Splash Dam in years.

Because many other natural ice companies have been unable to cut ice this winter due to the unseasonable weather, the cutters at Splash Dam have received a great number of orders. All ice now being harvested is immediately loaded on cars and shipped although recent repairs to the ice houses there have made provision for the storage of a large quantity of ice this winter.

Many of the ice companies in the Poconos have been without ice of sufficient thickness to do any harvesting. This is especially true at the big ice houses located at Gouldsboro where the community is almost entirely dependent upon the ice harvest and shipping for the employment of its men.

Backwoods Born, Humbly Raised, She Gave Lincoln To The World

"ALL THAT I AM, I OWE TO MY ANGEL MOTHER"

A little girl, reared in poverty in the backwoods of Virginia, destined for a brief and none too happy life, was to grow up and bear a child whose career more than fulfilled all her highest dreams for him.

Born at Patterson's Creek, Virginia, in 1784, Nancy Hanks went at the age of twelve to live with her aunt and uncle, Thomas and Elizabeth Sparrow, in Mercer County, Virginia. She had a chance to attend school there, and made the most of it. In a community where many of the men could neither read nor write, she learned to do both.

She was skilled at needlework, too, and hired out to families in the neighborhood. Though she worked for wages she was never regarded as a servant, but sat at table with the household wherever she went. Report says that she was tall and handsome, with a frank open countenance and a voice pleasing both when she sang and when she talked.

A young apprentice named Thomas Lincoln was learning the trade of carpentry in the shop of Joseph Hanks, uncle of Nancy. The two young people were attracted to each other, and were married on June 12, 1806. Thomas took his bride home to a tiny house fourteen feet square.

He could not write his own name until the ambitious Nancy taught him how. But his ambition could not keep pace with hers. Her disappointment at his easy-going ways was forgotten in her children: first, a little girl, Sarah; then, in 1809, the son known to history as Abraham Lincoln.

Between this child and this backwoods mother there was a powerful

Church Revives Joash's Custom

Dallas M. E. Will Call For Gifts at March 7 Service

A unique method of raising funds will be employed by Dallas M. E. Church on Sunday, March 7, when it revives an ancient custom of Joash, King of Judah.

Joash, who reigned over Judah for forty years, found himself troubled by the condition of the temple, which was impoverished and in need of repairs. Being minded to restore the House of the Lord, he gathered together the Priests and Levites and commanded them to make a chest, and set it at the gate of the Temple to receive money from all Israel.

Money was thus gathered in abundance and the Temple of the Lord repaired and maintained. The chest of Joash suggests the plan to be followed by the local church on March 7, when it will ask its parishioners to contribute money for its upkeep.

At the morning service the young people of the church will take part in a "Joash" pageant, and arrangements will be made for an especially large attendance. Chief purpose of the unique plan is to enable the church to balance its budget before the end of the conference year. Rev. Francis F. Freeman is pastor.

Growers To Talk Of New Methods

The fruit growers of Luzerne County will hold their annual Winter Meeting on Tuesday in the Carverton Grange Hall.

The morning meeting will convene at 10, with John Reuf of Pennsylvania State College talking on "Soil Fertility in the Orchard." Later, H. E. Hodgkins, head of the Entomology Department at State College, will speak on "More Important Apple Insects and Their Control." He will also show motion pictures.

Dinner will be served at noon by the women of Carverton Grange. In the afternoon, at 1:30, John Reuf will speak on "Small Fruit Varieties and Cultural Methods." The next speaker, the guest of Luzerne County Horticultural Association, one whom most of the fruit growers know, will be Dr. G. F. MacLeod of Cornell University.

The program will conclude with a growers' discussion. All fruit growers of Luzerne and nearby counties are invited to attend the meeting.

Perrego Dies 19 Days After Wife

Was Oldest Member Of Local Masonic Lodge; Buried Wednesday

Nineteen days after the death of his wife, James D. Perrego, 85, passed away on Monday at his home in Trucksville. Mrs. Perrego had died on January 20.

Mr. Perrego, a member of an old local family, belonged to Trucksville M. E. Church and was the oldest member of George M. Dallas Lodge, F. and A. M.

Funeral services were held from the home Wednesday afternoon at 2 with the Rev. Harry M. Savacool, pastor of Trucksville M. E. Church, and Rev. Gertrude Ross, pastor of Trucksville Free Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was in Trucksville cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Perrego are the following children: Mrs. Frank Rogers, Trucksville; Mrs. A. W. Stephens, Endicott, N. Y.; Mrs. Harvey Averett, Shavertown; Mrs. Dane Dimmock, Ferndale, N. Y.; Russell Perrego, of Kingston, and Raymond Perrego, of Huntsville.

Local Boy Scouts Observe Birthday

Kunkle and Alderson Troops Hear Hewitt Talk on "Habits"

In observance of Annual Boy Scout Week, members of Troops 331 and 352, Boy Scouts, of Alderson and Kunkle M. E. Churches, held a supper in Kunkle Community Hall on Monday night.

Hans Kramer, scoutmaster of the Kunkle troop, was toastmaster and led group-singing. A delicious supper was served by the Kunkle Ladies' Aid Society.

After the supper, John M. "Samson" Hewitt, executive director of Wyoming Valley Council, Boy Scouts, spoke on "Habits" and entertained the scouts with moving pictures taken at Camp Aachela, scout camp in the Poconos.

The following attended: John M. Hewitt, Hans Kramer, John Parsons, Rev. Guy A. Leinthal, Nile Campbell, Stanley Hoyt, Raymond Hoyt, Willard Hoyt, Fred Boston, Gilbert Boston, Lawrence Smith, Harold Smith, Raymond Elston, Gomer Elston.

Marvin Elston, John Isaacs, Clayton Cairl, Reynold Deater, Edward Delaney, Isem Pennington, Harold Hoover, Elwood Hoover, Kenneth Davis, Theodore Davis, Alfred Jackson, Elliot Enders, Carl Garinger, Nelson Garinger.

Harold Hess, LeRoy Hess, Nile Hess, William Brace, Charles Brace, Dewey Mitchell, Bud Mitchell, Phillip Kunkle and Allen Brace.

Cast Is Announced For O. E. S. Comedy

The cast for the three-act entertainment, "Uncle Ephraim's Summer Boarders," to be given on Friday night, February 26, at Kingston Township High School, was announced this week. Mrs. Stephen Johnson is the director.

Members of the cast are: Sam Johnson, by Eva Ray; Squire Briggs, by Don Herbert; Ephraim Higgins, Clifford Ide; Uncle Ephraim's daughters, Lena Appleton, Marie Wolfe, Helen Hontz, Mildred Bronson; Ralph Briggs, Durwin Farr; Mrs. Higgins, Della Parrish; Mr. Phalen, Ross Williams; Mrs. Phalen, Elizabeth Ide.

Tom Phalen, Bert Hill; Katie Phalen, Vonnie Shaver; Maude Phalen, Mabel Johnson; Herr Kominsky, Robert Appleton; Druina Ketchum, Beulah Frantz; Percy Augustus Witherpoon, Walter Wolfe; Mrs. Bangs, Dorothy Schooley; Mr. Bangs, Charles Lewis; Harold Bangs, Fred Eck.

Ebenezer Saunders, Kenneth Woolbert; Madame Elson, Jesse Moore; Dorothy Elson, Miriam Shewan; Mrs. Robert Lindsey Von Cleave, Elizabeth Keller; Lucile Von Cleave, Grace Moore; Marguerite Von Cleave, Thelma Whitby; Mrs. Briggs, Agda Lewis; Polly Flanders, Mabel Johnson, and Silas Stubbs, Bert Hill.

PTA After Money For Playgrounds

As its first step in raising money to equip a local playground next summer, the Parent-Teachers Association of Dallas Borough will sponsor a card party at the borough high school on February 17 at 8 p. m.

Refreshments will be served and a prize will be awarded at each table. Guests are requested to supply their own cards. The committee is soliciting all persons willing to assist in providing doughnuts or coffee or cash contributions.

Mrs. Reese Finn is chairman and has as assistants Mrs. Florence Phillips, Mrs. Earl Monk, Mrs. Karl Kuehn, Miss Charlotte Mack, Mrs. M. L. Brown, Mrs. James Oliver, Mrs. Arthur Dungey, Mrs. F. J. Ferry, Mr. Moran and Ralph Brickel.

"RAILSPLITTER"



"The ship is anchor'd safe and sound, Its voyage closed and done. From fearful trip the victor ship Comes in with object won. Exult, O shores, and ring, O bells; But I with mournful tread Walk the deck my captain lies, Fallen cold and dead."

Another Service Station Robbed

Bandits Flee With \$20 From Michael Fieger's At Hillside

The second gas station burglary within two weeks took place here on Wednesday night when four bandits, driving a stolen gray Packard coupe, held up attendants at Michael Fieger's Hillside Service Station and escaped with \$20.

Al Thompson and Ben Crosley were in charge of the station when the bandit car stopped near a gas pump and the gunmen demanded money. The car, which had been stolen from Exeter, fled toward Dallas.

Exactly two weeks before three hold-up men had robbed Fred Woolbert's gas station at Trucksville.

Boro. Five Back In First Place

Lehman Slips Back As Kingston Township Forges Toward Front

Dallas Borough's basketball team, getting back into form after two defeats, worked its way into first place again this week and Lehman, which had been tied for that position last week, slipped back to third as Kingston Township forged into second.

Coach Line's borough five took a close game from Lehman, 31-27, last Friday night and swamped Laketon, 32 to 7, on Tuesday night. Lehman lost its hold on second place on Tuesday night when it went down before the fast-stepping Kingston Township squad, 28 to 20.

More Contributions To Local Flood Fund

The amount contributed to the Red Cross Flood Relief Fund by local people was increased this week by the following gifts: Girl Reserves, Dallas Borough High School, \$5; E. L. Rogers, \$1; Miss Glendola Hice, \$1; the Ladies' Aid Society of Glen View P. M. Church, \$5; Mrs. William J. Franklin, \$1; Additional from Dallas Borough Schools, \$2.02.

VEGETABLE GROWERS DISCUSS PROBLEMS AT MEETING TODAY

Vegetable growers—both commercial growers and general truck farmers—have been invited to attend meetings to be held this morning and this afternoon in American Legion Home, Market Street, Kingston, for farmers from the northern end of the county.

An all-day meeting for farmers in the southern part of the county yesterday was a big success.

Today's meeting will begin at 10 a. m. with J. M. Huffington of Pennsylvania State College reporting on "New and Worthwhile Vegetable Var-

Farmers Gather To Hear Talks; Plan For Year

Annual Meeting of Farm Bureau Thursday, Feb. 25, at Y. M. C. A.

OUTLOOK IS GOOD

Along about this time of the year farmers, whose year begins with the first warm rains of Spring, put aside their chores for a time while they travel around to the meetings which always herald the end of winter.

Straggling in from all parts of the county they listen critically to agricultural experts, explaining discoveries of the last twelve months. They see moving pictures of farms in other parts of the country. They learn how to fight diseases which could kill their cattle or destroy their crops. They elect officers for their different groups for the coming year.

Between talks and meetings they consume good, country dinners, provided by the ladies, or spend pleasant minutes swapping experiences and news with old friends from another township.

Then, their heads filled with facts, their business done, they turn home to get to work putting into practice the things they have learned.

Bees to Vegetables

No longer a great agricultural county, Luzerne has nearly 3,000 farms, worth something over \$12,000,000, and in February the men who till the county's farm lands still meet to solve over their problems.

Throughout the rest of the year there may be other meetings, but this is the month when the biggest meetings are held, because this is the month when the farmer has time to give attention to such gatherings.

Biggest of all meetings will be the annual one of Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Association at Wilkes-Barre Y. M. C. A. on February 25.

Known popularly as "The Farm Bureau," the L. C. A. E. S. is a long-established agency, financed by State and County, which serves as a big brother to every farmer but seldom gets much attention from city folk.

In Luzerne County its director is personable, farm-wise J. D. (Jim) Hutchison, who covers 13,800 miles a year over the county's roads, visiting farmers and holding meetings. Farmers give him a warm welcome always. Their wives know Miss E. Nitzkowski, his energetic assistant, better. She specializes in home economics, organizes clubs, has a deep admiration for the modern farm woman.

Busy every month of the year, Jim Hutchison moves especially fast as the time for the annual meeting nears. This month, besides preparing his voluminous annual report, he must be with the vegetable growers today at Kingston, the fruit growers at Carverton next Tuesday, the bee keepers at Wilkes-Barre Y. M. C. A. on the twenty-third and at the Y. M. C. A. again on February 25 for the climax, the annual meeting of the Agricultural Extension Association.

Morale Up, Eggs Down This year farmers—with exception of poultrymen, who are getting less and less for their eggs and chickens—are in good spirit as Spring nears.

Land values are up slightly, farmers are learning to work together to protect their markets, the government is acting to conserve soil, and there is every indication that the farmer may expect to share in revived economic conditions.

Farming is still a tough business—but it is being recognized more as a business and farmers are using methods of grading and merchandising in their selling. Standards are being established, outside-the-state competition is being met, new methods of fertilizing and growing are being pushed.

Most important of all, the farm is being made attractive for young people through such things as rural dramatic contests, recreation programs and the Future Farmers of America.

As a distinguished visitor recently said: "They have made the honorable but harrowing privilege of farming something for these farm youngsters to look forward to. By organization they have found opportunities for self-expression not otherwise provided in rural life. . . . To have seen all this, and to admit for a moment any lack of faith in America would be but the thought of a grossly incompetent observer."

And, as his ancestors have since the first man learned to cultivate seed, the farmer prepares for Spring.