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POST SCRIPTS

LOTUS WEATHER WARMTH BANDITS CUP

Hiya, Lotus!

Unaccustomed as we are to associating with hippopotami (to say nothing of trying to spell it), we must admit that we've taken a yen for you, Lotus.

Of course, we're glad the make-up man put us over on this side of you. We might have ended up over there in column two. Oh, my!

We're right proud of you, Lotus, and mighty glad to have you with us in The Post this week. Sorry you can't come up and see us in the flesh some time. We'd have a swell time scarpering two or three of this section's hardest drinkers into signing the pledge, we bet.

And would we show those fellows out at Harvey's Lake that got so much publicity with Alex, the Bear? Wow!

This has been a very unusual winter for fellows like us who like to write about the weather.

Just about the time we begin a piece of descriptive writing on how beautiful the new-fallen snow looks on the evergreen outside our winter there comes a thaw and that's the end of that.

If we speak of the mild winter we're sure to bring a blast of wintry weather around our ears before the column gets into print.

We took a walk last week up over the hill to Huntsville Dam, figuring it might be worked into a paragraph here some way. Down on Lehman Avenue, it was mild, Spring-like weather, people walking along with their top-coats open, and the grass turning green.

We hit the temperate belt at Pinecrest Avenue and began to long for a dog team shortly above. Finally, figuring it was no use trying to get too far ahead on our Annual Spring Column we just sat down and threw snowballs at a ground hog, who apparently had been wearing black glasses on February 2.

If the cold weather keeps up, though, we'll almost have to support Jack Roberts for school director this Fall.

When he delivers milk up on our street, along about dawn every morning, Jack, with his usual neighborliness, drops in to put the draft on The Post's furnace.

Result is when everybody arrives to set the wheels of this organization running there's no waste time waiting for the place to thaw out.

It's been working fine all winter—until the other morning. We changed the lock on the door and forgot to tell Jack and so he couldn't get in and we had to work all morning in mufflers and ear-muffs.

We understand it's all been straightened out now and in appreciation of Jack's fine work this winter the boys are preparing to throw their support to him if he runs for re-election this Fall.

Their slogan is going to be "He made it hot for us. Now let's give him warm support."

If we know them right they'll elect him, too.

Special Notice to the Bandits Who have been Operating in This Section: The safe at the Dallas Post will be open every evening from 5 p. m. to 8 a. m. If you promise not to break anything you are welcome to examine its contents. If you find anything, let us know. It will be a complete surprise to us.

Speaking of bandits, it may interest them to know, if they should happen to run across this column, how near they came to having their hands blown off on one of their petty thefts here this month.

At one of the gas stations they robbed, the proprietor, who was in a second-story window overlooking the station, had a revolver sighted on them and could have, with one little twitch of his finger, ended the unworthy career of at least one.

He didn't shoot because he didn't want to risk harming an innocent person.

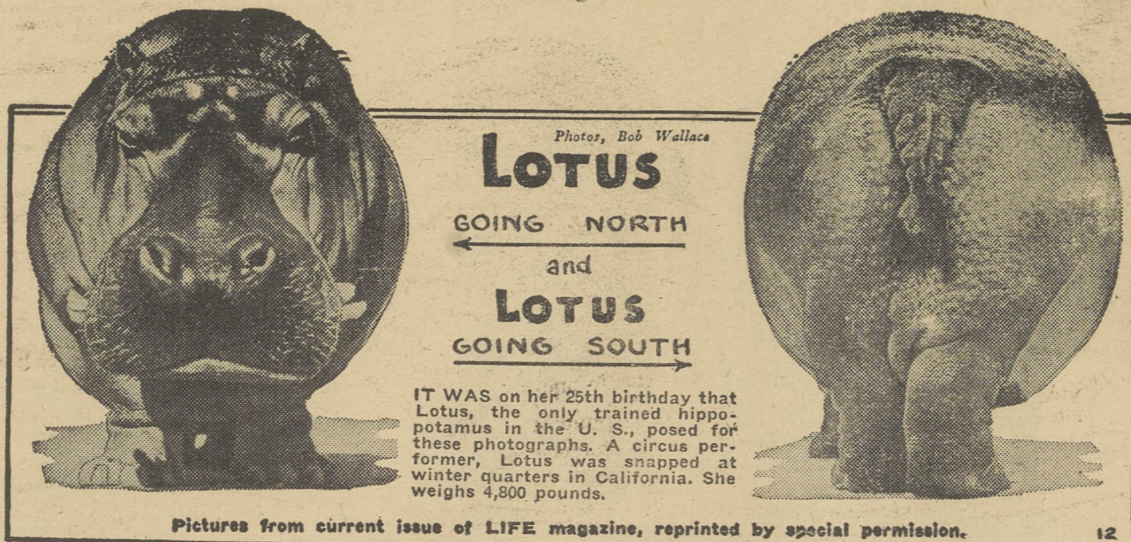
In view of what four bandits will do for twenty dollars it is probable that they would not exercise such restraint under similar circumstances.

We just thought they might like to know. The next time they might not be so lucky.

The Great Basketball Cup Mystery has been solved!

The three-year search ended this week with the discovery of the long-

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Photo, Bob Wallace
LOTUS
GOING NORTH
and
LOTUS
GOING SOUTH

IT WAS ON her 25th birthday that Lotus, the only trained hippopotamus in the U. S., posed for these photographs. A circus performer, Lotus was snapped at winter quarters in California. She weighs 4,800 pounds.

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WPA Recreation Program Started Here By McHose

Seven Towns Offered Opportunity to Have Own Playgrounds Next Summer

EMPLOYS LEISURE

(See Editorial, Page 6)

The most ambitious program ever launched in this section to provide recreation during leisure hours for young people and adults is being carried on in seven local communities in co-operation with their school officials.

The program, initiated by the Adult Education Recreation Department of the WPA, in co-operation with the State Department of Public Instruction, is being directed by Calvin McHose, Luzerne County project head and former supervising principal at Dallas Borough Schools.

If plans are successful the movement may expand into this section's first system of supervised playgrounds next summer.

Carr Is Instructor

The adult education recreation department has named Tyrus Carr, Shavertown, as the instructor for courses in physical education and recreational periods scheduled weekly in nearby high schools.

Young men and women of the community aged adults are invited to attend these courses and participate. The recreational periods are held from 7 to 10 p. m. The schedule: Monday evening, Orange; Tuesday, Kingston Township (three groups, Shavertown, Trucksville, and Trucksville Lettermen; Tuesday, Lehman; Wednesday, Lake Township; Thursday, Dallas Borough; Friday, Dallas Township; Saturday, Dallas Borough.

Two periods are held each Saturday in Dallas, one from 9:30 to 12 for young men and women and another, from 1 to 4, for older men and women.

Mr. Carr's program includes health exercises, gymnastics, competitive games, calisthenics, basketball and volleyball.

Hope For Playgrounds

If the communities co-operate by providing a site for a playground the Adult Education Recreation Department, which is financed by the Federal government, will supply such athletic equipment as quoits, volleyballs, muddballs, handballs and hand baseballs and pay the salaries of experienced supervisors.

Any stationary equipment on the playgrounds must be supplied by the school district or the community, although the supervisors named by WPA will care for such equipment during the summer.

The Dallas Borough Parent-Teachers Association already is making plans to raise money to buy equipment for a playground in the borough next summer.

In view of the possibility of the expansion of the program and the desire of WPA to use local supervisors whenever they are available, any persons in this section who hold teaching certificates and are eligible for a WPA appointment may submit their names to The Post to be referred to the officials who have charge of the program.

Lancaster Pastor Here Next Sunday

Rev. Herbert E. Frankfort of Lancaster will conduct the morning service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Frankfort is another guest preacher, a graduate of the Lutheran Seminary Class of 1936. All members of the congregation are urged to be at a meeting Sunday night at 7:30 since a new minister may be selected then.

Local Couple, Wed Fifty Years, Observe Anniversary On Monday

MR. AND MRS. NEELY DUE FOR CONGRATULATIONS

A good thing to remember, to assure happy married life, is that there are two sides to every question.

This is a part of the advice Mrs. A. A. Neely of Lake Street, Dallas, gives as she and her husband prepare to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary next Monday.

Another of Mrs. Neely's favorite mottoes is "Be sure you're right, then go ahead." She remembers that clearly today because it was the title of the play Mr. and Mrs. Neely went to see in the old Grand Opera House in Wilkes-Barre on their wedding night fifty years ago.

"I've always remembered that saying," Mrs. Neely says, "and it's always been a good guide."

Looking back on half a hundred years of happy married life, Mrs. Neely advises young married people to remember that tact, courtesy, appreciation and understanding are among the most important factors in assuring domestic contentment.

Mr. and Mrs. Neely were married by Rev. John LaBar, a retired minister, at Wyoming, and set up house-

keeping on the site of their present home. Mr. Neely was born in that old homestead, on Lake Street, and has spent his entire life in Dallas, with exception of two years in the West when he was a young man. Their present home on the same site, was built since their marriage.

Mr. Neely, who had a large farm, retired about ten years ago.

There are four children, Mrs. Charles Hawk of Bear Creek; Ralph Neely, Wilkes-Barre; Floyd Neely, at home, and Mrs. Ralph Welsh of Dallas.

They will be home for the family dinner next Monday evening, Mrs. Neely says. During the day, though, "open house" will be observed at the Neely home, and a great host of friends of the family probably will drop in to express their well-wishes.

Firemen Further Plans For Home

Shavertown Company May Buy Building Occupied By Albert Bush

Further steps toward acquiring a new home for Shavertown Volunteer Fire Co. will be taken at a meeting in the Shavertown school house next Monday night at 8.

Last week the firemen decided to purchase the building now occupied by Albert Bush's Garage, Main Street, Shavertown. A committee having as members William Cobleish, Frances Youngblood and Howard Woolbert has secured a price on the building and estimates on the cost of repairs to the second floor, which is now occupied by the Shotwell family but which would be used as a meeting room and for community activities.

The firemen report requests for the use of the new hall have already been received from Kingston Township Veterans' Social Club and the Dallas Chapter, Eastern Star. Other organizations desiring to use the building may communicate with members of the company.

Lehman Pupils In Annual Musicale

Outstanding Program Promised For Interesting Event Tonight

The annual musicale of the Lehman Township School will be given in the school auditorium tonight (Friday) at 8 p. m. The affair attracts a large audience each year and H. Austin Snyder, supervising principal, promises an outstanding program tonight.

One of the unique features will be the Kiddy Band, a group of younger pupils which has grown in the last few years and has some new stunts for its audience. Peter Pappas, soloist of the Kiddy Band will sing "The Wise Bird."

Girls of the lower grades will dance to the familiar tunes of "Captain Jinks" and "Where, Oh Where, Has My Little Dog Gone." The boys' chorus from the high school, largest in its history, will sing "The Capital Ship" and the high school girls will sing "Katy Did."

In charge of the program are Miss Lydia Smith, Mrs. Esther Wolfe and Mrs. Beatrice Cornell, grade teachers; Miss Dillah Kistler, high school teacher, and C. F. Terry, who will have charge of instrumental numbers.

AN EDITORIAL

On October 23 The Post, recognizing the danger locally because of an old-fashioned system of police protection, asked public officials to call a conference to discuss ways of modernizing and centralizing law enforcement here.

It was suggested tentatively that local communities might pool their police resources and finances to establish a centralized system which could have a full-time chief, a motorcycle to answer emergency calls, and possibly a cruiser car, with a radio tuned into the Wilkes-Barre station, to patrol the local territory at night.

The editorial stirred no great interest among public officials but one far-sighted clergyman wrote in, commending the idea and saying "The day of high-powered automobiles, good roads and fast-firing machine guns virtually demands that we give to our police sufficient authority to combat the criminal element at least on even terms."

No word from public officials, though.

On January 29 three bandits held up Fred Woolbert's service station at Trucksville, took \$30, and escaped to freedom down the highway toward Luzerne.

The following week The Post again brought up the need for a more modern and centralized system of policing. "The present lack of organization" we pointed out "exposes the citizens of this section to the danger of hold-ups and burglaries."

No word from public officials yet.

On February 10 four bandits drove up to Hillside Gas Station, took \$20, and fled through Dallas to freedom. Still no word from public officials.

On Sunday night, February 14, four bandits drove up to the Pen-Fern station at Fernbrook, relieved the attendant of his receipts, took a watch, and escaped.

Fortunately the attendants in all three cases have been sensible enough to hand over the money without resistance, so murder has been avoided, but the likelihood of more serious results sooner or later will exist until criminals learn that police protection here has been streamlined to meet modern conditions.

In anticipating the danger and calling public attention to it The Post fulfilled its duty and can do little more except to stress that from now on the safety of this section rests squarely upon the shoulders of the public officials who should have taken steps to improve police protection here four months ago.

W.C.T.U. Delegates Oppose Changes In Supreme Court

Say Roosevelt's Plan Would "Prepare The Way for Dictatorship"; Resolution to Be Sent to Congress; Delegates Also Consider Temperance

CHARGE REPEAL HAS NOT ENDED BOOTLEGGING

The mounting opposition to President Roosevelt's bill proposing changes in the Federal court system enlisted another new ally this week when delegates attending the district meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in Shavertown M. E. Church went on record opposing the plan.

There were women at the meeting from churches in Dallas, Shavertown, Trucksville, Lehman, Chase, Istown, Huntsville and Wyoming. They adopted the following resolution:

"Believing that the proposal to revise and weaken the United States Supreme Court would prepare the way for a dictatorship in our country, we earnestly urge you to use your influence against the measure."

The resolution will be sent to the United States Senator and Representative from this district.

Bootlegger Still Busy
The charge that sixty per cent of all liquor sold is still sold by bootleggers was made by Mrs. Paul J. Kolesnikoff, home missionary working under the ministerium union of Wyoming Valley in charge of the Brookside Mission in Wilkes-Barre.

"As a matter of fact," she said, "the hope that repealing prohibition would drive out the bootlegger has not come true."

She said that temperance is really a missionary program and that young people are needed to support it.

All-Day Session

Rev. Fred M. Sellars, pastor of the hostess church, welcomed the delegates at the morning session.

A five-point demonstration on temperance was presented by Mrs. A. H. Van Nortwick, Mrs. Howard Patton, Mrs. Herbert Rieley, Mrs. Ernest Keller and Mrs. J. Lienthal at the morning session.

At noon, Mrs. W. H. Stang offered prayer. In the evening a missionary and temperance play was given by Howard Frantz, Catherine Brace, Jennie Hill, Robert Koons, Wilma Hunt, Leroy Miller, Delbert McGuire, Willard Putterbaugh, Mary Porter and Mildred Porter.

Mrs. William Ashburn of Outlet led devotions. Jennie Hill and Rhoda Edinger sang. Robert Fritzsche played a violin solo. Mrs. Earl Weidner of Dallas presided and Mrs. Howard Patton led the worship program.

\$200 On Education

It was announced that the group had spent \$200 on educational work in this section last year. A number of posters were displayed, including that of Louis Spaziano of Shavertown, who won first prize in the contest.

Prizes will be awarded again this year for essays and posters of school children.

Three Robberies Net Thieves \$55

Gas Station, Drug Store and A. & P. Among Week's Victims

It's a hard way to make a living! The gas station bandits who have been striking with serpent-like swiftness here in the last month have stolen \$55 in three robberies.

Split among the four, that nets each one a little less than \$14 for three stick-ups, not to mention the occupational risks of their profession and the threat of imprisonment hanging over them.

They struck the third time within a month last Sunday night when they held up the Pen-Fern station at Fernbrook Corners and escaped with \$5 and a watch. The night's receipts had been taken from the station ten minutes before the bandits arrived.

Following their established procedure, the bandits drove into the station for gas, held up George Heinrich, attendant, and took a watch from Oliver Thebey, who walked into the station while the bandits were working.

The bandits were operating a tan Ford stolen from Wyoming the day before. Police believe they are guilty of a number of other robberies in the vicinity of Wilkes-Barre and Scranton.

Evans' Store Looted
On the same night, Sunday, thieves broke a window in the rear of Sheldon Evans' Pharmacy, Main Street, Shavertown, forced a lock and took about \$25 in cash, a .22 calibre pistol and about \$30 in merchandise.

The same method was used in attempting to gain entrance to the A. and P. store, next door to Evans', but the thieves could not get in. Sam DeWitt, Shavertown, manager of the A. and P. store, discovered the attempt to enter on Monday morning at 7:30.

TURKEY SUPPER

The Ladies and Men of the Dallas M. E. Church will conduct a Turkey Supper at the Church on Friday evening. Supper will be served at 5:00 o'clock. Music will be furnished during the meal by Howard Hallock, cornet; Jack Dungey, violin; and Mrs. Maude Baker, piano.

Dallas Team Faces Big Test Tonight

Basketball Circuit in Fine Frenzy As Season Nears End

STANDING OF THE LEAGUE

Dallas Borough	W. L.	Pct.
Dallas Borough	5 2	.714
Kingston Township	4 2	.666
Lehman	4 3	.571
Laketon	2 4	.333
Dallas Township	1 5	.166

A furious, last-minute race for the basketball championship of the local scholastic circuit developed this week as Dallas Borough, which has been on top most of the season, braced itself against the oncoming rush of the Kingston Township basketweavers.

If the borough defeats Dallas Township in their game tonight (Friday) the borough will be assured of nothing less than a tie.

But Dallas Township, even though it is having a bad season, is always a threat to Dallas Borough.

Last Fall Dallas Township had a poor football season but it upset the dope and defeated a highly-favored borough squad. The township jinx worked early in the basketball season, when the borough, which was leading the league, lost to Coach Ronald Doll's township five, in a game so rough three of the borough's players were out of the next game.

So a fighting township team will try tonight to block the chances of Coach Ernest Line's eagle-eyed, back-playing forward quintet for the Back Mountain championship.

But even if the borough wins it has another hurdle to jump.

Coach Walter Hicks' Kingston Township team must meet Laketon tonight and Dallas Township next Friday night before concluding its season.

If Dallas Borough wins tonight and Kingston Township wins its two remaining games there will be a tie for first place.

If Dallas Borough loses tonight and Kingston Township wins its two games the Township will win the scholastic championship for the first time.

If Dallas Borough loses tonight and Kingston Township wins only one of its two games there will be a tie.

A tie will necessitate a series of three post-season games.

Ruff Installed In Down-State Charge

The formal installation of Rev. G. Elson Ruff, former pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, as new pastor of Christ Lutheran Church at Schuylkill Haven, took place on Monday.

Dr. E. P. Pfatfeicher, president of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, officiated.

WIRE-HAIR FROM LOCAL KENNEL TOPS CLASS AT NEW YORK SHOW

Mrs. Louis E. Cottle, 30 East Center Street, Shavertown, received quite a thrill when she learned that "Scalawag of Fenbor," an eleven-month-old wire haired fox terrier bred by her and now one of a string of good ones owned and being shown throughout the East by the Fenbor Kennels of Robert B. Neff, Montclair, N. J., topped his class at the West-

minster Kennel Club show last week at Madison Square Garden.

"Scalawag" had previously placed third in his class at the Associated Terrier Club's show also held in New York City, and a sister, "Susan of Fenbor," has done some nice winning in the Middle West.

Mrs. Cottle expressed a justified pride in the placing of these puppies from the local kennels.

NEW SOIL PROGRAM ANNOUNCED; NO DIVERSION PAYMENTS HERE

Details of the 1937 Agricultural Conservation Program, as it applies to Luzerne County farmers, were announced yesterday by W. S. Hagar, State Executive officer.

Local farmers will not receive payments for diverting acreage from soil-building practices, unless county and state committees secure approval to add Luzerne to the list of counties so designated.

Luzerne County farmers will be

eligible to earn soil-building payments for each of the approved practices. Most of the soil-building practices aim at these goals: Improving or establishing pasture land, increasing acreage of legume hay and productivity of all hay lands, reforesting hillsides, improving farm lands and improving soil-conserving crops in orchards and vineyards.

For most farms, soil-building allowances will be larger than they were last year.