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In an effort to help Rev. E. J. Flanagan's social experiment in transforming homeless waifs into confident, clear-eyed young men The Post announced several weeks ago that it intended to put aside one dollar of every subscription it receives for the next six weeks into a fund which will be sent to Father Flanagan's famous Boys Town.

To make the appeal a little more interesting Father Flanagan invited The Post to co-operate in his Build Boys Town Contest which is being carried on now throughout the country, and offered to permit every person who turned in a subscription to become eligible for some of the \$2,100 worth of prizes which are being offered in that contest.

Now Nebraska is a long way off and we don't expect that the local interest in Father Flanagan's appeal will send any truckloads of money rolling toward Boys Town. But this column does suggest that if your subscription is due there would be no better time to pay it, or to subscribe for some friend, than now, when your money can do so much good.

As was stressed editorially last week, this is not a subscription-getting campaign. If you prefer to send your dollar directly to Father Flanagan we shall be just as grateful to you. That way you'll be contributing directly. By our method we are the contributors and you can, if you want, try for the prizes Father Flanagan has so generously offered.

Above and beyond the contest itself, there is an amazing story to Boys Town and since some interest has been aroused in it through the unique experiment now in progress we have asked Father Flanagan to explain to our readers how he realized his dream.

With the modest story of his accomplishments he sent for this column, Father Flanagan includes literature which discloses the breadth of the experiment, which is endorsed by such prominent men as Dr. Frederick Clayton, noted Episcopal clergyman; Rev. Frank Smith, a leader in the Congregational Church; Rabbi Frederick Cohn, eminent Jewish leader, and men of such widely-separated interests as Jack Dempsey, Calvin Coolidge, Eamon de Valera, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, and the late Will Rogers, all of whom have visited the town and watched the boys.

But here is Father Flanagan's own story:
There are two sides to life. On one side the sun shines and all is brightness and warmth. On the other side is shadow. Shortly after ordination 21 years ago, I became interested in the poor derelicts and victims of all manner of excess, inmates of the Omaha city jail. I used to visit these men, and from little kindnesses toward them, learned the life stories of many. I became so interested in them that I began visiting the police courts. I decided to try to help these poor unfortunates, and so I resolved to open a shelter for them where they could be fed and housed from the winter cold. That shelter, oddly enough, was in the shadow of the same Omaha police station from which it drew most of its tenants. They were a motley crowd—these "guests" of my working men's shelter. Many of them had long prison records. Some were incurable drunkards and dope fiends, and though always discreet in the confidences we asked we had good reason to suspect that some of our wards had been guilty of much greater crimes.

But in our working men's shelter, a hungry man was just a hungry man. We asked no questions. At times we sheltered and fed as many as 500 of them in a single night. The accommodations were able to give them were pitifully inadequate. There just wasn't the money. Humanity so easily forgets that men are their brother's keepers. It was discouraging work, but with the aid of God we persevered. Funds to carry on were scraped together wherever we could get them.

We began to study these men individually in an endeavor to trace the underlying cause for their downfall. After a careful case history of some 2,000 of them, it suddenly came to me that it would be much more practical to straighten twisted lives before they had hardened into maturity. I was convinced that at least 90 per cent of those pitiable derelicts were mired in the city's gutters because of a neglected, homeless childhood. With this realization came the resolve to carry my efforts further back to the sources of dereliction. And then was born the dream that has ripened today into Boys Town, Nebraska.

It was that dark war year of 1917! I borrowed \$90 to pay the first month's rent on a modest house in midtown Omaha. Two lads who sold newspapers on the streets and had been sleeping in my men's hotel came to live with me. The juvenile court placed three more in my care. These were the first five lads in our "dream house" which had not shaped itself into reality. But soon the home was filled beyond capacity as word of this haven and refuge for helpless boys spread.

Those were difficult times for the unfortunate and difficult years for our home. There was a spirit abroad then that is hard to appreciate now. All sense of concern for unfortunates on this side of the ocean was swallowed up in an insane enthusiasm to wreak an unholy vengeance on the German Empire. It was difficult to interest a war-mad land in homeless boys, who were too young to fight anyway.

Those days of the infancy of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home were discouraging ones indeed. But we managed to carry on somehow. A kind friend donated a

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Keen Opposition To Store Tax Is Noticed Locally

Farmers, Food-Buyers And Chains United In Criticism of Proposal

BURDENS CONSUMER

Opposition to the Chain Store Tax Bill, which passed in the House on Monday night, continued to mount locally this week despite the Governor's efforts to explain the measure as a boon to rural school districts.

The Governor promised that the \$3,000,000 which food-buyers will contribute during the next two years if the bill passes will be used to raise the salaries of grade school teachers in fourth class districts.

Teachers in Dallas Borough and Dallas, Jackson, Kingston, Lake and Lehman Townships would be affected by the bill, although their salary increases would not be as large as the Governor intimated. Since local schools have nine-month terms, the grade school teachers now receive a minimum of \$900, which would be increased to \$1,000. There would be no change in the minimum for high school teachers.

Although there is no opposition to the proposal to raise the teachers' salaries, food buyers, chain store employees and farmers who sell their produce to chain stores are fighting the method the State had adopted to raise the money. Such a tax, opponents declare, is open discrimination against chain stores and places an intolerable burden upon the families who prefer to buy at such stores.

Governor Earle's proposal calls for payment of taxes as high as \$500 for each store for chains with 500 or more stores. Because most chains, such as the American, A. & P., Grand Union and others operate on slim margins which are characteristic of modern volume methods of merchandising there would be no choice but to pass the increased overhead on to consumers.

The proposed tax is vital to local folks not only because Dallas has three chain stores, employing more than a score of people, but because such chains have recently shown an encouraging spirit of co-operation in helping Luzerne County farmers to market their staple products. As a result of the chain's effort to help farmers move their surpluses such stores, once criticized for their centralization, now rank high in public opinion.

One local man who has been associated with chain stores for a number of years said this week the bill under consideration by the Senate would raise the price of food to every family in the State and would fall most heavily upon those to whom even a few pennies mean the difference between hunger and enough to eat.

"Frankly," he said, "we are worried about the future of our own business and the welfare of the 62,037 Pennsylvanians who make their living in our stores. I am afraid it would mean the closing of hundreds of our stores."

In all their advertising, the chains have commended the Pennsylvania legislature for its unusual record so far in considering the comfort and welfare of the greatest number and have urged citizens to write to their representatives at Harrisburg that they may realize the full force of public opinion against the bill before they act finally on it.

Robert Bierly is this section's representative in the Legislature and A. J. Sordani represents this district in the Senate.

Township Juniors Rehearsing Play

"Mamma's Baby Boy" Choice Of Production For April 14

The Junior Class of Kingston Township High School will present "Mamma's Baby Boy," a French production by Charles George, under the direction of Miss Sarah Plahler on April 14.
The cast was announced yesterday as follows: Mrs. Shepherd McLean, a young widow; Betty Owens; Shepherd McLean, her son; George Ray; Luther Long, a widower; Stewart York; Juliet Long, his daughter; Rita Heller; Mrs. Matilda Blackburn; Mrs. McLean's mother, Catherine Cyphers; Mrs. Carlotta Anglin; Mrs. McLean's friend, Charlotte Martin; Cynthia Anglin, her daughter; Betty Hart; Minnie, a colored maid; Susan Palmer; Wilbur Warren, Shepherd's friend; Edward Gallagher; Sylvia Kline, Wilbur's girl friend; Alice Moore; Max Moore, a real estate agent; Alfred James.

72-Year-Old Man Drowns In Spring

Loses Balance While Dipping Water At Home Of C. S. Neely

When he lost his balance while dipping water from a spring at the rear of the home of C. S. Neely of Lehman, Charles Welch, 72, fell in the spring and was drowned.

Mr. Welch, who was well known in the Lake Silkworth section had lived with the Neely family for the last twelve years. The Neely home is on a point where Lehman, Jackson and Plymouth Townships meet.

Alfred Bronson, deputy coroner, reported the incident as an accident drowning. Mr. Welch leaves three sons and two daughters, and two brothers, Earl, of Kingston, and George, of Shickshiny.



EXTRA! Photos Show There IS An Easter Bunny
EASTER-TIME ROMANCE! Harry Whittier Freese of Audubon, Pa., has spent the better part of his life dressing up small animals in human clothes and taking pictures of them. He makes a good living at it, too, his pictures appearing throughout America, Europe and New Zealand. Getting the animals to pose is so nerve racking that he only works three months a year! His Easter-time photographs show (left to right) a bunny courtship, the trip to the minister, and the Bunny Family in later years.

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Churches Observe Glorious Holiday

Jubilant Spirit of Easter Keynote of Sunday's Services

The traditional gloom which descends over Christian churches today in commemoration of Christ's sacrifice upon the cross will bring Lent to its solemn end and be succeeded early Sunday morning by jubilant Easter services in which all local churches will unite.

All week churches in this section have been recalling at special services the last days of Christ. Especially impressive is the observance at Catholic churches, where statues of Christ have been draped with purple, the royal color, which will not be removed until the celebration of the Resurrection begins.

The most solemn period of the Lenten season will come this afternoon between 12 to 3, when Christians throughout the world will make their greatest sacrifice in commemoration of Christ's death upon the cross on the afternoon of Good Friday. Bells will be silenced and an atmosphere of deep sorrow will pervade churches until the traditional cry "Christ is Risen" releases the Easter jubilation.

Some of the services which are scheduled are listed here:

St. Therese's

At St. Therese's R. C. church at Shavertown, of which Rev. Harold Durkin is pastor, High Mass will be held at 8:30 a. m. on Easter Sunday morning and Low Mass will be at 10:30.

Dallas M. E.

Special services are being held each night this week at Dallas M. E. church, where Rev. Francis E. Freeman is pastor. Tonight, Rev. Mr. Freeman will preach on "The Resurrection."

On Sunday morning there will be special music, under the direction of Albert Collett, and Rev. Mr. Freeman will preach on "The Resurrection."

East Dallas M. E.

The celebration of Easter will begin at East Dallas M. E. church at 6:30 a. m. when the congregation gathers for a Sunrise Service. There will be a half-hour song service, a prayer and a regular church service at 8 a. m. Rev. Francis E. Freeman will preach on "The Resurrection."

Shavertown M. E.

A Good Friday service will be held tonight at 7:30 at Shavertown M. E. church, with Sacrament of the Lord's Supper being administered. Rev. Fred Sellers, pastor, has announced.

On Sunday morning at 11 there will be special Easter music and an appropriate sermon, "The Dawn." In the evening at 7:30 new members will be received. Rev. Mr. Sellers will preach on the subject, "A Life for Ever More," and there will be music by the Junior Choir. Mrs. Vester Vercoe has charge of the music.

Children of the church school and all others who have Lenten boxes are requested to bring them to the church on Sunday.

Rev. Willet's Charge

A week of special services at the Lehman Idetown and Jackson churches of Rev. Howard B. Willet will be climaxed on Sunday with impressive Easter services.

A Good Friday service will be held tonight at Lehman at 8. Rev. Mr. Willet's sermon subject will be "The Jesus Way of Doing One's Work." The services for Easter Day are: Idetown, 9:30 a. m.; Jackson, 11 a. m.; Lehman, 7:30 p. m. There will be baptism and reception of members at all churches.

On the following Sunday there will be a special Joash Chest Service at Lehman and Idetown.

Sunrise Service

A sunrise service will be held at 6:30 a. m. Sunday at Trucksville M. E. Church under the direction of Dallas District Youth Council. Rev. Richard Jones of Wyoming Seminary will be the speaker.

Trucksville M. E. Church

"Are We Raised From The Dead?" will be Rev. Harry M. Savacool's sermon subject at the 10:30 a. m. morning service at Trucksville M. E. on Sunday. The Junior Choir will sing "Come Sing with Exultation," with Jean Haughwout as soloist and the Senior Choir will render the anthem, "La! The Tomb is Empty," with Mrs. K. F. Haskius and Doris Chapman as soloists.

In the evening Rev. Mr. Savacool will preach on "After Easter, What?" and there will be more special music under the direction of Mrs. B. Aubrey Ayre. Roxie Smith will be the soloist during the service.

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Lehman's Athletic Mentor Wins Tryout With St. Louis Cardinals

NO SUCCESSOR APPOINTED BY SCHOOL BOARD

Among the more than 300 hopefuls who are at Albany, Ga., trying out for regular berths with the St. Louis Cardinals is Steve Summerhill, who resigned from the faculty of Lehman High School last week and reported for duty with the Cards on Monday.

Although friends here received word yesterday that he had arrived and is enjoying training camp life, there was no definite word concerning his chances for a better contract. His present contract, signed last summer when he was playing with Greensburg in the Penn State Association, calls for a modest salary and all expenses paid.

The likelihood that Summerhill will clinch a steady berth this year is slim, since the Cardinal policy is to acquire potentially good material and develop it on "farm" clubs in minor leagues for three or four years before the big chance comes. Summerhill's ability, however, assures him of the attention of the higher-ups.

Summerhill began playing pro ball 12 years ago in Taylor. He went from that place to Scranton and from Scranton to Carbondale, which won the pennant in the Northeastern Pennsylvania League in 1935. Summerhill was named the most valuable player in the league that year and played center field on the all-star team of the league.

He was graduated from East Stroudsburg State Teachers' College in 1935, having participated in football, wrestling, basketball, soccer and baseball there. He was captain of the baseball team during his senior year.

This was his second year at Lehman, where he taught science and history. His football team won the Back Mountain Championship last fall. Summerhill's baseball talents show best in fielding, although he is a heavy hitter, too.

Lehman School Board said this week it has taken no action toward appointing a successor to Summerhill and intimated that since only two months remain of this term the job may be held vacant until next September.

Frankfort To Be Ordained Sunday

Lutheran State Head Here For Easter Service At St. Paul's

Dr. E. P. Pflatteicher, head of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, will come here Sunday to officiate at the ordination of Herbert E. Frankfort, who has accepted a call to become pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Shavertown.

Although Rev. Mr. Frankfort has been preaching in a Lancaster church and has officiated at the local charge several times since the departure of Rev. G. E. Solomonoff, the young man will not be recognized officially as a Lutheran clergyman until his ordination. Rev. Mr. Pflatteicher will deliver his first sermon as an ordained Lutheran minister on Sunday evening.

At a later date Dr. Atkinson of the Wilkes-Barre Synod will officiate at formal installation services. Rev. Mr. Frankfort's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Frankfort, of Lancaster, will be here for their son's ordination on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Frankfort will take up residence in Shavertown shortly after the first of the month.

Rev. Mr. Frankfort is a graduate of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Class of 1933, and of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Class of 1936. During his Seminary course he was student-assistant to Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, St. Simeon's Lutheran Church, and Rev. A. C. Sumons, Mediator Lutheran Church, both of Philadelphia. Since then he has been assisting at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, both of Lancaster.

Three Meet Death In The Same Mine

Leonard Phillips Digs Near Spot Which Claimed Father, Brother

Death came to Leonard Phillips, 42, Trucksville, last Saturday morning in the same mining operation where it had met his father and brother.

Mr. Phillips was instantly killed when struck by a runaway trip of cars in the Woodward mine of Glen Alden Coal Company. His father, David Phillips, was fatally injured there some time ago and a brother, David, Jr., was ground to death when his clothing caught in a fly-wheel in the same mine.

Phillips had been a resident of Trucksville for several years, was a World War veteran and a member of Immanuel Baptist Church of Edwardsville. He is survived by his widow and four children, Leonard, Donald, Elwood and Paul; four sisters, and three brothers.

The funeral was held at the home of a brother, Wilbur Phillips, in Kingston, on Tuesday morning at 2 with the American Legion conducting services at the grave.

Board Fixes 1937 Levy At 29 Mills

Tentative Budget Is Approved; All Teachers Retained At Same Salaries

A tentative budget which would fix Dallas Borough School District's tax levy at 29 mills was approved at a meeting of the local board on Monday night and the secretary was directed to post and advertise the budget according to law.

Henry Disque, chairman of the budget committee, was absent so the tentative budget was submitted by Clyde Lapp, another member of the committee. The millage is the same as last year, when the figure was fixed after a drawn-out legal controversy during which the board's critics had asked that the millage be fixed at 27.

Harry Tennyson, supervising principal, who was reappointed several weeks ago, was instructed to notify all teachers that they had been retained for the 1937-1938 term at the same salaries. It was the first time in some years that the faculty was held over intact. To pay teachers before the end of the Easter vacation the First National Bank was authorized to accept all teachers' checks, dated March 30, this week.

Mr. Tennyson was authorized to rent caps and gowns for commencement and to instruct the janitor that he will be responsible for the opening and closing of the buildings, permitting only such people to enter outside school hours as shall have had permission from someone in authority.

Madden Acquitted Of Local Thefts

Three Others Await Sentences For Hold-Ups Here Last Month

When three confessed bandits repudiated their statements in which they had named him as an accomplice, Joseph Madden, 24, Pittston, was acquitted by the jury which heard his case in Luzerne County Court house this week.

Arrested by State police and charged specifically with being an accomplice in the hold up of the Penn-Fern gasoline station at Fernbrook on February 14, Madden was found not guilty but has been committed to the county jail again on a charge pending against him in Wyoming County.

Four other men were arrested at the same time as Madden and made statements involving Madden. Three of them repudiated the statements at the trial this week. The fourth who pled guilty had not been sentenced yet.

Entertains Society

Mrs. Willard Wright entertained the members of the Ladies Aid of the Idetown M. E. church at a luncheon at her home in Idetown on Wednesday afternoon.

Start New Move To Urge Paving Of Luzerne Link

Greater Dallas Rotary Club Revives By-Pass Plans Again

MOTORISTS DISGUSTED

A committee from Greater Dallas Rotary Club, headed by Attorney Peter Jurchak, president of the club, has revived the movement to build a by-pass which would eliminate the tortuous Luzerne link in the road from Dallas to Wyoming Valley.

Members of the committee, which is planning another spirited drive to accomplish the long-awaited project, are Add Woolbert, Jr., John T. Hughes, Calvin McHose, Charles L. Albert, B. B. Lewis, and Dr. G. K. Swartz.

Although numerous efforts along the same line have failed, despite the support of prominent groups and individuals, the Rotary Club committee is determined not to drop the matter until every possible move has been exhausted.

Behind the club's committee stand the hundreds of motorists who are compelled to jounce over the pot holes, depressions and ruts every day on their way to and from Wilkes-Barre. The condition of the road is so deplorable this Spring motorists are thoroughly disgusted.

Near realization several times, the by-pass has been blocked time after time by politics, by procrastination, by the opposition of Luzerne merchants, by lack of finances, etc.

Origin Of Blaze At Lake Unknown

Mysterious Fire Is Being Investigated By Stevenson

A mysterious blaze which destroyed the summer home of Jacob Miller, Kingston, at Warden Place, Harvey's Lake, early Tuesday morning is being investigated by Chief of Police Ira Stevenson, who reported yesterday he was still unable to fix any cause for the fire.

The loss is estimated at \$3,000. Insurance policies of \$1,000 and \$500 on the building and \$1,000 on the contents, held in the name of a son, David Miller, who is executor of the estate which owns the cottage, partially cover the loss.

The summer home of Thomas Laity of Kingston and Bert Evans of Wilkes-Barre were slightly damaged by the fire, which was discovered by Mrs. James Ryan, who sent in the alarm. The home, which was beautifully furnished, burned to the ground in a half hour, firemen reported.

Jacob Miller had visited the cottage Monday, about twelve hours before the fire, but he said he had not built a fire or lit any matches on the property.

Firemen Planning To Erect Building

Shavertown Co. Empowers Trustees To Get Option On Site

Changing their original plans to buy a building, Shavertown Firemen this week authorized their trustees to obtain an option on a lot on Main Street, Shavertown, with the intention of erecting a building there.

The trustees, H. S. Van Campen, Ralph Bertram, Harold Lloyd, L. T. Schwartz and Harry Goeringer, were instructed to communicate with Warden Kunkle, owner of the lot, which is next to the Kocher home. It is understood the price of the lot is \$1,000.

At a meeting Monday, Harry Goeringer and Cortez Jennings presented plans for a two-story building, 33 by 56 feet, with the quarters for the equipment and a store room on the first floor and an auditorium on the second floor. The cost of the building is estimated at \$5,000.

Attending Monday night's meeting were Walter Kinns, William Cobleigh, Ralph Bertram, Francis Youngblood, William H. Evans, Bert Stitzer, Karl Chamberlain, Alonzo Prutzman, Jasper Swingle, William Misson, Cliff Lawley, Bert Riley, Fred Malkemes, Lewis Evans, Harry Siegel, Howard Woolbert, J. J. Morrissey, Roy Shaver, G. R. Downer, Willard Durbin, John Wisick, Herman Van Campen, L. T. Schwartz, Willard Carey, William Pierce, Cortez Jennings, Harry Goeringer, D. M. Shaver, P. M. Malkemes, William Ferrell, Ralph Lewis and Oliver Williams.

BRICKEL A JURYMEN ON MURDER TRIAL AT COUNTY COURT HOUSE

R. L. Brickel, local undertaker, served this week on the jury in the trial of Theresa Diano, 19-year-old Hazleton girl who was charged with having shot her father on January 22 at their home.

The case was unusual in that Miss Diano was the second girl to be tried in local courts on a murder charge. Not since 1915, when Sophie Killian of Plains was tried for murder, had a woman been placed on trial on such a serious charge in Luzerne County courts.

Also, for the first time in the history of the local criminal court a woman was selected to sit on a homicide case. A member of the jury was Mrs. Virginia Rohr, a housewife, of Rorty Fort. Mrs. Rohr had served twice as a juror in Common Pleas Court, though.