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The Circus Is Coming!
June 24 and 25

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Before The Rush!

POST SCRIPTS

LISTLESS HORSE FARMER LEGION SIGNS

This column hasn't been itself since the Cooking School. In fact it hasn't even been here at all the last two weeks. A month or so ago we could have blamed it on Spring fever. Now, with Summer staring us in the face, we're struck by the horrible possibility that it is just old-fashioned laziness.

Whatever it is, it's knocked every idea we had completely out of our head, and grinding out a column this week is going to involve some of the toughest work we've done for some time.

It wouldn't be tough if we had a better system for filing notes. A lot of interesting things happen, and helpful folks tell us. We scribble some notes, put the scrap of paper away somewhere, and never find it again. We've lost at least twenty good columns that way.

Somewhere around here we had a few notes about a horse whose name Faith Hope Charity Harding remembered. Last year, as we remember the tale, Faith, who was then about nine months old, made a fuss over the horse when its owner, who we think was a Mr. Frantz, used it in plowing up a field next to the Hardings. The horse's name was Mary, an unusually sentimental name for a plow-horse.

At any rate the plowman came back this year with the horse and Faith, who is now twenty-one months old if our arithmetic is working (and it seldom does) spotted it through the window, clapped her hands and shouted "Mary". We, who have difficulty in remembering people's names overnight can join the tribute to Faith Hope Charity's keenness in keeping the horse's name in mind a whole year.

We think that's the way the story went, anyway, and if it isn't please don't anybody call us up, because we apologize now.

On his way back from an ice cream social in Lehman the other night one of the scouts for this column ran smack into a story which he swears is the truth.

A farmer in that section, so the tale goes, bought for \$5 a dilapidated automobile which he intended to use for hauling about the farm. Owing to its great age, the automobile frequently stalled and could be made to run on its own power only after it had been pushed or pulled into action.

One day, shortly after he had bought the car, the farmer had great difficulty in starting it. After considerable fruitless effort, he got his mule and hitched it to the front of the car.

The mule strained and the car wobbled. The farmer stood up and waited for the first sign of life from the engine. Finally it came, with such a terrific roar it startled the poor man clean out of his composure and in his confusion he pulled the reins and shouted "whoa".

True to its training, the mule stopped, but the automobile kept on, leaping ahead with new-found energy. The farmer recovered enough to put on the brakes before the car went through the fence, but the mule is no more—a sacrifice to agricultural progress.

If we were sure of the spelling of her name, we'd salute the comely young woman who breezed into Dallas this week to help the legionaires put on their circus. On second thought we'll call her Miss Carney and salute her anyway.

We can think of easier jobs than getting 100 people together and training them for a show in less than two weeks in this weather. But we're banking on Miss Carney to have the gang letter-perfect come June 24th and to produce a show that will be an eye-opener.

She got off from a standing start, bucking the weather and a general listlessness among the town's dramatic talent, on Tuesday, and by that night she'd had her first rehearsal. She's been cracking the whip ever since. She even jarred this office out of its customary languor and has us a bit feverish over the circus atmosphere.

A petite person, with a sparkling personality, Miss Carney (we're still guessing about that spelling) should do as well behind the footlights as before them. But she seems to prefer the frenzy of producing and directing the show. She's modest, too. That's why we don't know how to spell her name.

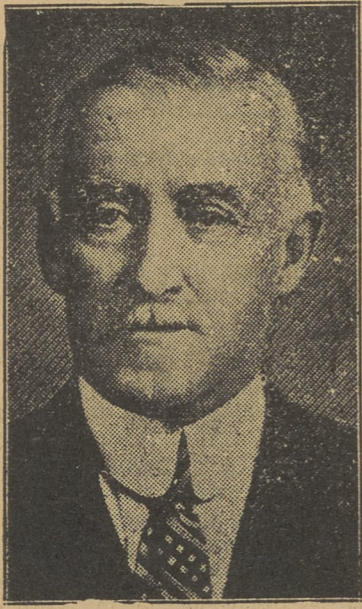
Anyway, if she gets the proper co-operation she'll give the legion and Dallas a show to remember. Just from watching her work, we're better on that.

Native wit holds its own amidst the welter of high-pressure advertising along nearby roadsides.

A filling station operator, desirous

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CHAIRMAN



JOHN LANING

John Laning, who has been selected as chairman of a University of Pennsylvania Bicentennial Committee in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Laning, who was graduated from the College of Arts and Science of the University in 1895, is a member of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution, the "Varsity" Club of the University of Pennsylvania and a number of other organizations. He has long been active in alumni affairs and is widely known among former students of the University in this section. His committee will support a program to develop the University's educational services and help to conduct a series of events which will feature the Bicentennial Celebration.

Street Cars Give Way To Bus Lines

Expect Busses To Connect Dallas With Valley Before Long

In keeping with the trend to automotive transportation, Wilkes-Barre Railway Corp. is understood to be considering the abandoning of its street car line to Dallas before long and the substitution of busses.

The change from street car to bus line has been made on several branches of the traction company's system. One of the first changes took place on the link from Dallas to Harvey's Lake several years ago when busses replaced the cars. Since then the electric cars have come only as far as Dallas, connecting here with a bus for the Lake.

The advance of the automobile has reduced patronage on the street car line and the necessity of maintaining a convenient schedule has been costly for the company.

With labor difficulties solved as a result of the two-year contract negotiated with emphasis this week, the company is expected to turn its attention to its program of changing from street car to bus.

Any abandonment of the local tracks will have a double significance to local people, because it will mean that the right-of-way in the vicinity of Luzerne will be available for a highway. It is likely that the street car route will be purchased promptly as the site of the proposed Luzerne by-pass.

Forty Years Old

The street car line has connected Dallas with Wyoming Valley for more than forty years. Originally called the Wilkes-Barre and Northern Railroad Company, it was organized by John B. Reynolds and Arthur A. Holbrook about 1896, beginning in the upper part of Luzerne.

The Wilkes-Barre and Harvey's Lake Railroad had been in operation since 1886, tapping the lumber regions above Dallas, but the new company, whose tracks paralleled the older railroad tracks, was promoted to handle summer passenger traffic between the valley and Harvey's Lake.

It was first operated by small steam locomotives and was responsible for rapid growth of Hillside, Truckville, and Shavertown, first as summer resorts and later as places of permanent residence. The company became entangled in financial problems and was sold by judicial sale. The Wilkes-Barre, Dallas and Harvey's Lake Railway, a subsidiary of the traction company, was formed to take it over. Soon after this sale, in 1898, the use of the locomotives was discontinued and it was thereafter operated by electricity.

Until the automobile became common the line to Harvey's Lake was one of the busiest, especially in summer. Scarcely a day passed but that a string of special cars passed thru Dallas, bound for Harvey's Lake, at which place picnickers embarked on the traction company's steamers for the trip across the Lake to the Picnic Grounds.

SURVEYORS ARE BUSY ON PROPOSED ROUTE OF LUZERNE HIGHWAY

A corps of surveyors have been busy at work making a new survey along the route of the proposed new Luzerne highway.

Authoritative information this week said the State Highway Department has not given up plans for starting at least a part of the new road this year.

In line with efforts to win over opposition in Luzerne, proponents of the new road suggested this week that the term "by-pass" be dropped, since it implies "passing by" Luzerne. Under the latest plans the route known as the "by-pass" will be within the borough limits, probably using the right of way of Wilkes-Barre Railway Corp., which will be taken over by Luzerne Borough.

Community Mourns Elizabeth Oliver

Meeker Church Worker Passes To Reward At Age Of 86

Her earthly task completed, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Oliver, resident of this section for many years, an ardent church worker, and the mother of a fine family, passed to her reward last Saturday night, leaving behind her an inspiring example of Christian living.

She was 86 years old, and a great part of her life had been devoted to unselfish service for others. Her death brought sorrowful expressions of sympathy from hundreds of persons who had admired her unique character.

She left one of the finest monuments a mother can achieve, a family of men and women who hold positions of leadership and responsibility in their communities. On her 86th birthday, last month, thirty-two of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren had gathered at the home of her grandson, D. L. Edwards of Mt. Greenwood, to honor her.

Mrs. Oliver was born on May 2, 1851, in Slocum Township. She spent most of her life in Maple Grove and Meeker. A staunch Christian, she was a charter member of the Ladies' Aid Society of Maple Grove M. E. church and was active in affairs of that church.

She is survived by the following children: Frank Oliver, Kingston; Mrs. Charles M. Edwards, Williamsport; Mrs. George Weintz, Meeker; James R. Oliver, Dallas; and Eugene Oliver, Kingston; 14 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Weintz home in Meeker, and interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, with Rev. George Sweet in charge of services. In accordance with Mrs. Oliver's request, grandchildren and great grandchildren carried the beautiful flowers. Pallbearers were: Sheldon Oliver, Wesley Oliver, Dean Oliver, Kingston; Arden Oliver, Berwick; Kenneth Oliver, Dallas, and D. L. Edwards, Mt. Greenwood.

Brooklyn Evangelist At Outlet Tabernacle

"Mickey" Walsh, evangelist of the city of Brooklyn, N. Y., will come to Outlet Bible Tabernacle on June 24 to conduct a four-day Bible conference. Mr. Walsh, who has been all over the world has been preaching for about five years. All are invited. The conference will be directed by Carl Brandon and Robert Sutton, and there will be meetings each night at 7:45.

Back Mountain Biographies: No. 18

E. L. FRANTZ

E. L. Frantz, who owned a 100-acre farm in Sweet Valley at the turn of the century, was born near Stroudsburg, Monroe County, in 1851, the son of Thomas and Eunice (Metzger) Frantz. His grandfather, Jacob Frantz, was a native of France, and had come to this country as a youth. E. L. was the sixth child and was reared and educated in Monroe County. He moved from there to Daleville in Lackawanna, where he established a factory for manufacturing clothes—the first of its kind in what was then Luzerne County. In 1873 he moved to this county, locating at Orange, in Franklin Township, where he became a blacksmith. He was a first class mechanic and a keen business man. In 1877 he moved to Ross township, and in the same year he married Miss Lizzie Gardner, the daughter of Dr. A. P. and Lizzie Gardner. His wife had been born in Carbondale and her father owned the beautiful residence known as the "Glen Home Farm". Mr. and Mrs. Frantz had three children, Sarah A., Parcel G., and Lizzie A. In 1882 Mr. Frantz took a trip to the West, visiting Kansas and Colorado and going as far South as the Mexican border. After he returned his experiences gave him a colorful store of tales for many years. A devout church member, an office-holder several times, a staunch Republican and a smart wheelwright and blacksmith, Mr. Frantz was typical of the early residents of this section.

LEGIONAIRES BRING UNIQUE CIRCUS TO TOWN NEXT WEEK

PARADE SATURDAY TO GIVE GLIMPSE OF SHOW

Dallas is to have a circus! Oldest of entertainments, the old-fashioned circus has been "streamlined", dressed up, brought indoors, enlisted the services of about 100 local men and women, and will be produced by Daddow-Isaacs Post, American Legion, next Thursday and Friday nights in Dallas Borough High School.

No ordinary show, this circus will have Jo-Jo, The Dog Faced Boy, The Man on the Flying Trapeze, clowns, The Mighty Rajah, The Strong Man, The Lion Tamer, The Fat Lady (who will do a fan dance) and all the traditional glamour and excitement of the big top. And if you look carefully under the false whiskers and the make-up you may recognize your next-door neighbor.

Some of the talented local people who will appear in The Legion Circus will be Bill Thomas, in the leading role as Bob Strong, and Marie Woolbert, playing Virginia, the feminine lead; Willard Lauderbach as Squeak, Cecil Wilson as Pete, Bert Roberts as Beardo, Ralph Rood as Zacharius, Leslie Warhola, Tony; John Durbin, ringmaster; Margaret Robinson, Marjorie; Arthur Keefe, Bobo; Mrs. Jane O'Kane, Toyo; Arthur Newman, Sir Peter Van Mildew; Lettie Culver, Lady Van Mildew; Albert Hoffmeister, Bettina; Clyde Lapp, Little Luella, the fat lady; Arthur Dungey, the fire eater; and Zel Garinger, Strongo.

The story is about Bob Strong, owner of the circus. Bob must net a profit of ten thousand dollars in one year or his uncle, Zacharius, will take over the circus. A few hours before the year is up, Bob discovers that he is ninety-nine cents in the red. At this propitious moment, along comes Sir Peter, a wealthy, but dull Englishman. What could be nicer. They will sell some freaks to Sir Peter. Sir Peter is carefully watched by his mother, Lady Van Mildew, but in spite of that they think an auction of some freaks will do the trick.

Of course there is a ringmaster, the freaks, clowns, a side show and a highly educated mule.

The production is under professional direction provided by the Amateur Theatre Guild of Boston, and is being sponsored by the local legionaires to raise money for community service.

A matinee for children will be given on Thursday afternoon, when each child will receive a free ice cream cone. There will be evening performances on Thursday and Friday.

Tickets may be purchased at the B. and B. Hardware Store or from any member of the American Legion. A parade will be held through the borough Saturday afternoon to arouse interest in the circus.

Township Farmer Dies At Age Of 81

Milton White Laid To Rest Yesterday At Trucksville

A highly-respected resident of this section for many years, Milton White, 81, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Maude Lampman, Bunker Hill, Kingston Township, on Tuesday, of general debility.

Funeral services were held yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at 2 at the home of Mrs. Lampman, with interment in the family plot in Trucksville Cemetery.

Mr. White was born at Thurston, Wyoming County, but had lived on his farm on Dallas R. D. 3 for most of his life. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. Lampman, Claude White, Thurston; Mrs. Coray White, Dallas; and a brother, Byron White, Moscow. His wife, Flora, died 11 years ago.

IN CIRCUS CAST



MISS AUDRE O'KANE
Miss Audre O'Kane, daughter of Chief of Police and Mrs. Leonard O'Kane, who will lead the German Band girls in the indoor circus to be sponsored by Daddow-Isaacs Post, American Legion, next Thursday and Friday nights.

Kunkles At 24th Annual Reunion

Mrs. Roannah Landon Oldest Person At Yearly Gathering

The twenty-fourth annual reunion of the Kunkle family was held on Sunday at the Kunkle Community Hall, with 110 members and visitors present. At the business meeting in the afternoon the following officers were elected: President, Warden Kunkle; vice-president, Mrs. Sherman Warden; secretary, Mrs. Minnie Kunkle; treasurer, Russel Miers.

The oldest person present was Mrs. Roannah Landon, aged 88 years. The youngest person was John Thomas, Jr., aged 17 months. The 1937 meeting will be held on June 5 at Kunkle Community Hall.

One marriage was reported, that of William Felter of Binghamton to Marilla Richards Schoonover.

Births reported were: To Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ide, a son, Dale; to Mr. and Mrs. John Richards, a daughter, Annette.

Committees were appointed as follows: Executive committee, Philip Kunkle, chairman; Russel Miers, William Brace; refreshments, Mrs. John Isaacs, chairman; Mrs. W. S. Kunkle, Mrs. George Landon; entertainment, Mrs. Carrie Kunkle, chairman; Mrs. Ralph Ashburner, Mrs. Marvin Sweezy, Mrs. Ralph Elston and Mrs. Forrest Kunkle; sports, James Miers, chairman; Elizabeth Warden, Mrs. Olin Kunkle, Richard Rees, Francis McCarty; resolutions, Mrs. Sherman Warden, Mrs. John Isaacs, Mrs. Carl Makinson.

The following program was given, under the direction of Mrs. Carrie Kunkle, and following the singing of the national anthem and the reciting of the Lord's prayer: Piano solo, "America First" by Caroline Brace; song, girls' quartet, Helen Elston, Lena Elston, Estella Elston and Caroline Brace; recitation, Joan Kunkle; piano duet, Felice Miers and Estella Elston; recitation, Beatrice Sweezy; duet, Alan Kunkle and Louise Kunkle; piano solo, Caroline Brace; dance Estella Elston.

The following attended: Scranton: Mrs. Laura Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rolls. Kingston: Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, John Thomas, Jr. Forty Fort: Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Makinson.

Trucksville: Mr. and Mrs. Francis McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sweezy, Marvin Sweezy, Jr., Betty Sweezy, Beatrice Sweezy, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rees, Rachel Rees, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Perrin, Laura Jean Perrin, Howard Perrin, Corey Perrin, Wayne and Jane Perrin.

Shavertown: Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Warden, Elizabeth Warden, Sherman Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Johnston, Alice Johnston, Elsie Johnston.

Dallas: Mrs. Elizabeth Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. Warden Kunkle, David Kunkle.

Orange: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kunkle, Paul Kunkle. Kunkle: Mrs. Roannah Landon, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ashburner, Robert and Nelson Ashburner, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Miers, James Miers, Mrs. Carrie Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. William Brace, Charles Allen, and Caroline Brace, Mr. and Mrs. John Isaacs, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Miers, Felice, Calvin and Jerry Miers, Mrs. Ann Richards, Marian Ann Schonover, Dorothy Elston, Estella Elston, Mar-

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Farmers To Get More Room For Market In City

Wilkes-Barre To Relieve Congestion By Buying A New Site

SHOULD HELP SALES

Local truck farmers who sell produce several times weekly at the Wilkes-Barre farmers' market greeted enthusiastically this week the news that Wilkes-Barre intends to enlarge facilities at the market, thereby relieving the congestion problem which has existed for years.

The first step toward improving conditions at the market was taken this week when Wilkes-Barre Council acquired an option on a tract of land near the South Street bridge in Wilkes-Barre. Buildings will be torn down and the space will be used as a new site for a farmers' market.

Long afterward in providing proper facilities for farmers, Wilkes-Barre has recently turned its attention to the congestion on South Pennsylvania Avenue during the hours when farmers congregate there to have their produce inspected by retailers and the opportunity to take some action came as a result of the vote approving a \$400,000 bond issue. Fifteen thousand dollars of that amount will be appropriated for the purchase of the new market site from the William H. Shiber Estate.

Acquisition of the property will provide spaces for farmers' trucks all the way from Pennsylvania Avenue to State Street.

The present wholesale curb market is so congested farmers are handicapped in their transactions and retailers complain.

Annually in Luzerne County, \$3,500,000 worth of fresh fruits and vegetables are sold. A survey last year indicated that sixty per cent of it is shipped in from outside, despite the fact that ninety per cent of the local storekeepers interviewed prefer to sell local products.

The congestion at the market is partly responsible for the condition. Increasing competition from outside truckers, failure of farmers to grade their produce uniformly, and lack of merchandising methods are other reasons why local farmers lose literally millions of dollars yearly.

Wilkes-Barre is one of the few Pennsylvania cities in which there are no farmers' markets, despite the fact that it is surrounded by some of the finest truck gardens in the State.

College Announces Summer Schedule

Misericordia Classes Begin Next Monday; End August 2

The Summer session of College Misericordia will open on Monday, June 21, and will close Monday, August 2. Registrations will begin tomorrow.

The purpose of the Summer course is to offer instruction in college subjects to students, teachers, and others who are qualified to do college work but who cannot avail themselves of the regular sessions.

College Misericordia's regular staff conducts the work, which is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction. All courses will be of collegiate grade and college credits will be granted.

Nicholson Plans Anniversary Fete

Judge Farr Heads Committee For 150th Birthday Party

Judge E. B. Farr of Tunkhannock, President Judge of Wyoming Valley, has consented to be Honorary Chairman of a committee which is planning the 150th Anniversary celebration of Nicholson on July 26-31, in connection with the fire company's fair.

Speakers prominent in civic and social life will address meetings during the celebration, which will be climaxed by an "Old Home Day", when all former Nicholsonians from far and near will be urged to return.

THE WOMAN HE LOVED

He was the uncrowned king of Ireland, but he sacrificed all he had achieved because he loved another man's wife. Read the stirring story in "Parnell", a thrilling three-part serial beginning in The Post this week.