

POST SCRIPTS

SUICIDE
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PARADISE
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GOSSIP

The other day a car stopped near the high school, a gentleman climbed out from behind the wheel, reached in and got a spray gun and began to spray the rear seat of the car energetically. Then he stretched out on the back seat, folded his hands and closed his eyes.

The neighbors in the vicinity, who had watched the proceedings with rapt interest, were mystified and after comparing notes furtively a few of them became convinced that the gentleman was up to no good. They tried to reach Chief of Police Leonard O'Kane but he was out on another call, so they phoned Dr. G. K. Swartz and urged him to come immediately. The whole thing was a little vague by that time but the general idea was that the man was either ill or committing suicide.

So up the hill roared Dr. Swartz's automobile and out rushed the doctor swinging his little bag. He took one look at the reclining figure and turned solemnly to the matrons who were watching from their porches. "He's asleep," Dr. Swartz announced.

Seems the man had merely been scattering a little fly spray around to assure himself an uninterrupted nap.

If the swimmers who have been in training at Harvey's Lake win the President's Cup Race at Washington, D. C., tomorrow (and our aquatic department informs us there is a very good chance they will do just that) Al Kistler of Harvey's Lake, composing room foreman at the Times-Leader and "The Sleuth" of that paper's sports page, should be counted in on any credit.

The whole Post organization piled in on the Kistlers a few nights ago for a swim and a wiener roast and we couldn't help but notice that Mr. Kistler seemed to be ducking in and out pretty frequently. One time when he came back we heard him say, rather pleased, "Well, we've got \$15 now."

"What does he mean," we asked someone.

"He's collecting money to pay the swimming team's expenses to Washington," someone said.

Before we left Mr. Kistler came back again, with news they had sufficient money to finance the trip.

Win or lose, the swimming team deserves a round of applause, and Mr. Kistler and his helpers deserve another for making the trip possible.

Eric Weber welcomed us to his log cabin, Paradise Lodge, on a hill back of Squire Davis's at Harvey's Lake, the other evening, just as the moon was throwing a flimsy veil of silver over the wavelets below.

"You ought to meet that fellow," someone had told us. "He's very interesting."

Eric Weber is young, clean-cut, rather good-looking, he lives alone, all year 'round, in the tiny cabin stuck against the hill. On the low door is a poem which pretty much explains Mr. Weber's philosophy. In effect, it tells visitors that the rest of the world is merely the front and back yard of Mr. Weber's cabin.

The interior is scrupulously clean, and bright with flowered cretonne. On one wall hangs the guitar which Mr. Weber plays when he sings his lonely songs. On a table are the drawings which are testimony to Eric's ambition to be an artist. The bed, covered with a cheerful spread, is set in a stout lean-to, and when Mr. Weber looks past his feet at dawn he can, through a narrow window, see the sun bursting upon the lake over the wooded green shore to the east.

Beds of flowers surround the cabin and a high, rustic fence of poplar branches guards a flower garden on the woods side.

Weber and Elwood Davis built the cabin, about four years ago, and something has been added to it each year, a new flower bed one year, a reproduction of the Bok Singing Tower the next, a tiny pond for a water lily the next.

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AMBITIOUS PROGRAM ADOPTED BY LAKE TAXPAYERS' GROUP

An ambitious program calling for "better rural utility services, better roads and bridges, lower taxes, fire insurance rates, better bathing and fishing facilities and better fire and police protection" was launched by 130 persons who organized the Inlet and Warden Place Taxpayers' Association of Lake, and Lehman Townships at the Casino, Harvey's Lake, on Monday night.

David Bryant of Kingston, summer resident at the Lake, was elected president and Attorney Al J. Kane was

7-Room Addition Will Be Opened As Term Starts

\$47,000 Annex Gives Kingston Township Junior-Senior High School

ENROLLMENT IS UP

The new \$47,000 annex to Kingston Township High School will probably be accepted by the township school board next week and will be ready for use when school opens on Monday, September 13.

With the opening of the seven additional rooms and the transfer of seventh and eighth grade pupils from the grade schools to the main building the township will inaugurate the first Junior-Senior high school in the Back Mountain section.

The annex, which forms a wing on one side of the high school building, has been under construction since January, when the \$28,000 contract was awarded to W. J. Kear. Except for \$5,000 for equipment, the balance has been financed by a PWA grant.

With a high school building which is less than five years old, the new annex, a remodelled Shavertown grade school building and a Trucksville building, which is now being repaired, Kingston Township school district's physical equipment ranks among the leaders in this section of the state.

Congestion Relieved

Although the enumeration census is not yet complete, James A. Martin, supervising principal, anticipates an increase over last year's enrollment. He estimates that the number of students in the district will exceed 1,100 this year, the largest enrollment of any local high school.

The transference of seventh and eighth grade pupils to the main building will relieve congestion in the lower grades.

In the new annex will be three regular classrooms, one science adjusting room, two commercial rooms and one home-making room.

The home-making course, a new one this year, will be required for the seventh, eighth and ninth grade girls. Shop courses will be required for the seventh, eighth and ninth grade boys.

To Have Open House

Tentative plans have been made to invite the public to inspect the new annex, Mr. Martin announced. "Open House" probably will be held on Saturday, September 11, so visitors may see the addition before school starts.

In announcing September 13 as the opening date, Mr. Martin calls the attention of parents to new legislation which says "that the compulsory school age shall be lowered to the age that the parent elects to send his child to school and raised to the age of 17 years, beginning with 1938-1939, and to 18 years beginning with 1939-1940, with provision for exemption for certain children."

Lehman Schools Open Wednesday

Parents May Consult Snyder Monday Or Tuesday At School

The schools of Lehman Township will open next Wednesday morning at 8:50. H. Austin Snyder, supervising principal, will be at the high school on Monday and Tuesday to consult with any parents who have questions concerning the enrollment or courses of their children.

Members of the faculty have been requested by Mr. Snyder to be at the high school at 7:50 for an important meeting.

There will be three new members of the Lehman faculty this year. Mrs. Lee Faylor will teach English and Latin, succeeding Mrs. H. Austin Snyder. Mrs. Faylor also will coach basketball. Miss Dorothy Karshner will succeed Miss Lydia Smith as first and second grade teacher and Miss Lillian Burgess will fill the vacancy caused by the death of Miss Wolfe, third and fourth grade teacher.

Malcolm McCullough, who was appointed last term to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Stephen Summerhill, will again be coach.

Other officers are George H. Eckrote, vice-president; Thomas Meignan, recording secretary; Nicholas Glasser, financial secretary; George Smith, treasurer. Most of the persons present are summer residents at the lake.

Directors are Max Roth, Mrs. Josephine Haefling, and Frank Thomas. A charter will be applied for and another meeting will be held on Monday night at the Casino to further plans for presenting the organization's demands formally to proper authorities.

THEY ARE PAID 18 CENTS A DAY



Potent force behind Japan's war for markets, these girls are a few of the thousands who are flocking from farms to Japanese factories to find employment at 18 cents a day. They work, sleep and eat in the factory. Above, a section of one of the dormitories. The girls pay six cents a day for their meals, take about three years to save up enough money—usually about \$90—to return home and get married. Meanwhile, their cheap labor, coupled with mass production machinery, forms a combination which threatens world markets as ominously as the march of Emperor Hirohito's troops menaces China.

Survey Of Damages Next Step Toward New Highway

State, County and Traction Company Engineers Nearing Completion of Detailed Survey, Carroll Tells Wyoming Valley Motor Club; Johnstone Sums Up Status

MAIN STREET PAVE AWAITS BY-PASS DECISION

One more step toward realization of the long-awaited Luzerne by-pass will be taken with completion of a detailed survey of estimated property damages which is quietly under way now.

Engineers from the State Highway Department, Wilkes-Barre Railway Corp. and the County Commissioners' office are working together on the study, which will be the most complete estimate of damages since the movement for a by-pass was started twelve years ago.

Various municipal groups which will contribute to the property damages are awaiting the results of the survey with interest, since the estimates will pave the way for the last, important step—actual appropriations for damages.

The route being considered by the engineers is the one accepted by the State Highway Department, through Kingston, Pringle and Luzerne, and designated as No. 40105.

Route Follows Tracks

This route follows the right-of-way of the Harvey's Lake Branch of the railway corporation and it is likely if it is the one finally accepted the traction company will abandon its street car line to Dallas and substitute busses.

The paving of Main Street, Luzerne, hinges to a great extent upon final approval of plans for the by-pass, because the Highway Department will not pave the traction company's right-of-way on Main Street and the utility could not justify a heavy expenditure there as long as the possibility of abandoning its tracks existed.

In summing up the status of the Luzerne by-pass at present, Norman Johnstone, secretary of Wyoming Valley Motor Club, said yesterday:

Will Defeat Problems

"A great many problems still stand in the way of the Luzerne highway but if all motorists stand solidly behind us, Wyoming Valley Motor Club and other organizations which are cooperating will eventually achieve the goal toward which we have been working for the last twelve years.

"Senator Leo C. Mundy, chairman of highway committee, and Senator A. J. Sordoni, our vice-president, have worked and are working tirelessly to iron out the complex difficulties which are bound to stand in the way of such ambitious projects as this one.

"We are much nearer to the realization of our goal than we were a few years ago."

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THE LOW DOWN from HICKORY GROVE

When I get to squintin' around in the paper, I always seem to run across something or other that is kinda comical. And the latest, it is where they are fixin' to have a convention of the cosmetologists. A cosmetologist is something that maybe everybody don't know all about. And I looked her up, and it is a person who tells you why it is that you look so funny, and what you should do about it.

And they are like a fisherman, and any person who believes a fish story, it would be safer to lock him up. And a person who imagines that a touch of purple paint at 2 dollars per touch, is gonna do anything except make you look like a sick Sioux, they hight also be watched.

But these artists of the cosmetics, maybe they do some good, 'cause I see where the Gov't says that we should put money in circulation. And instead of saving, or payin' our bills, we should spend more.

And for fish stories, it is a tight race between the cosmetologists and Uncle Sambo.

Yours with the low down,

JO SERRA.

War Scenes In Far East Are Familiar To Gibsons

Veteran U. S. Steel Man And Family Leave Here Next Week, Bound For Tokyo Home; Hope To Be In Shanghai By October; Know Two Of Americans Killed

ALL DEPENDS ON VIEWPOINT, GIBSON SAYS

The Sino-Japanese conflict is a very real war for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray and their two children, who will leave Dallas Monday for Tokyo, Japan.

Mr. Gibson, who is foreign sales representative for Bethlehem Steel company in the Far East, expects to be in Shanghai by the middle of October, if it is possible to get in. He already has his passport, although many Americans have difficulty in obtaining passports. His family will make its home in Tokyo, where it has lived during the past several years.

The Gibson family has been spending the summer with Mrs. Gibson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Washburn, of Idetown and Wilkes-Barre.

A veteran representative of American commercial interests in the Far East, Mr. Gibson brings to any discussion of the Eastern situation a cosmopolitan viewpoint of the position in which the American business man in Shanghai now finds himself. He knows China and Japan well and the newspaper accounts of the conflict hold more than passing interest for him since both he and Mrs. Gibson know personally many of the persons whose names are mentioned in the daily press dispatches.

Knew Bombing Victims
For years, they have spent a number of months each year in Shanghai, where the greater bulk of all Chinese business is transacted. A number of those killed during the bombardment of the city were personal acquaintances of many years' standing.

Hallett Abend, chief of staff of The New York Times in China, who was wounded in the leg; H. S. Honingsburg, former Buick representative, who was killed, and A. Fox, who threw a six-inch unexploded shell out of his hotel room window when it landed in a chair, were all well-known to the Gibsons. Dr. Robert Reischauer, Princeton lecturer, had his leg torn off and died when he was hit by a shell in the lobby of the Palace hotel where Mr. and Mrs. Gibson stop while in China.

"What's it all about?" a representative of The Post asked Mr. Gibson, as they sat together on the porch of the Washburn summer home at Idetown, discussing recent press dispatches. His reply was one that indicated his intimate knowledge of the Japanese citizen, soldier and business man.

Borough Schools Open September 8

Faculty Unchanged; Pre-School Registration Days Are Announced

In contrast to recent years, there will be no radical changes at Dallas Borough High School this year. The faculty, headed by Supervising Principle Harry L. Tennyson, will be the same as last year, the only change being the employment of Howard Hallock, director of music, on a full-time basis.

Mr. Tennyson announced this week that new pupils, including those who will be starting school in the first grade will be required to report for registration, with their credentials, on Monday, August 30. Pupils in the ninth and tenth grades will report Tuesday between 9 and 12 and pupils of the eleventh and twelfth grades Wednesday between 9 and 12. Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 8. The daily sessions will be on the same time schedule as last year.

Parents of children who will begin school this year are reminded by Mr. Tennyson of a change in the compulsory attendance rules which decrees that the compulsory age will be the age at which the parents decide to enroll the pupil. In the past children who attended school at the age of six and who were less than eight years old could be absent from classes if parents desired. Now a child will have to attend regularly once it has started school. This rule is one of 141 new laws adopted by the Pennsylvania Legislature in its recent session.

The curriculum will be much the same as last year, with one improvement, the expansion of the art course. Miss Charlotte Hildebrandt will have charge of girls' art which will include additional home arts, and Howard Tinsley will add mechanical drawing to the boys' shop course.

The school has secured approval for several WPA projects, one for repairing and cataloging of library books, another for setting up a permanent record system.

The football season will begin on September 24, when Dallas will go to Tunkhannock.

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MIAOW! MIAOW! SEVEN KITTENS SEEK HOME WITH GOOD FAMILY

WANTED—Good country home for some nice, young cats and kittens. Owner must part with them. 238 Pioneer avenue, Shavertown.

Sometimes being a one-woman humane society gets a little too much for kindly Miss Ella Benedict of Shavertown, who spends a good part of her time administering to the needs of the stray dogs, cats and robins. It's too much right now! And so Miss Benedict put her problem up to The Post this week, as she does occasionally when her assorted livestock gets out of hand.

Post readers may remember the kittens Miss Benedict rescued from the stone fence near her home last fall. Well, two of those kittens have now acquired families of their own and seven cats have accumulated, more than Miss Benedict can conveniently tend to this winter.

Miss Benedict vouches for the character, manners and training of the felines. We vouch for Miss Benedict. If you'll apply for one of the kittens there'll be a deep sigh of satisfaction all 'round. The address, as we said, is 238 Pioneer avenue, and you'll enjoy meeting Miss Benedict.