

## CHEVALIER DE LA LUZERNE WAS FRENCH MINISTER TO AMERICA

Statesman For Whom County Was Named Friend Of Washington

WAS MAN OF HONOR

"The Assembly of Pennsylvania, Monseigneur, wishing to hand down to posterity a testimonial of its gratitude for the services which Monsieur le Chevalier de la Luzerne rendered to the Union, has just given his name to a new county."

This message was sent in 1786 to the Court of France to announce that Pennsylvania had come forward to honor a son of the Empire.

The story of the Chevalier de la Luzerne does not read like the usual story of the youngest son of a nobleman. These forgotten men among the aristocracies of many nations are seldom outstanding; usually they are shunted off to the colonies or to the ministry or priesthood, and little attention paid them thereafter. But Anne Cesar overcame the handicap of having two important brothers, and moved steadily forward in the affairs of the world until now he is far better known than they.

The Chevalier de la Luzerne was the youngest son of the Count de Benzeville, and was born July 15, 1741. His oldest brother inherited the title of the father, and most of the lands; in time he became a general and Minister of the Marine. The second brother became a Cardinal.

### Mixed War And Politics

Anne Cesar was educated in the Military School of the Light Horse. Following this he served in the Seven Years War. Thereafter he went to Paris and continued his education as a gentleman, studying politics, diplomacy, life and ladies.

In 1776 he was appointed Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of the Elector of Bavaria. He served in this capacity for two years, and was most successful. But this was merely a little special training for the important posts that were to come later.

Recalled from Bavaria, Luzerne was

sent to represent the King of France in America. Here was a delicate mission that would require all the diplomacy of which any man was capable. The Colonies were struggling to gain that independence that they had so bravely claimed, and the French were helping them not only to defend their principles but to defeat the British.

During the years 1779 to 1784 Luzerne lived in Philadelphia and conducted himself and his affairs with great circumspection and tact. He became the friend of Washington and of many other notable Americans; he reviewed the troops; and he entered into the social life of the then capitol of the Colonies.

Everyone who knew the Chevalier de la Luzerne in those days agreed that his manners were impeccable, his speech suave, and his actions in the highest manner diplomatic. Such urbanity as a gentleman of France must have had in that period would have been particularly pleasing to the Colonists who knew so much about hardship and oppression.

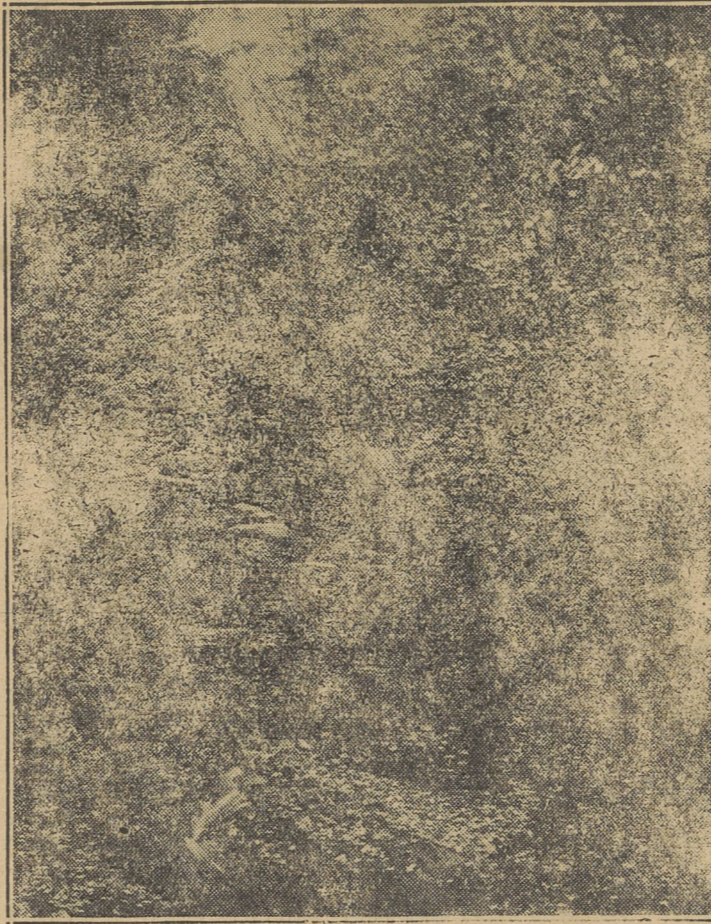
### Was Loyal Monarchist

On May 12, 1782, the Chevalier appeared before Congress and read an important and unique message. This message was a letter from France announcing the birth of the little prince, the ill-fated Dauphin of France, who became the victim of Revolution instead of King Louis XVII.

In July of the same year Luzerne gave a large fete to celebrate the birth of the heir. Several hundred people were invited to the "birthday party," and many others stood outside to watch the festivities. Everyone seemed to join heartily in the spirit of the evening, for this event was very close to the heart of Luzerne. But what a parody it must have been for the Americans present that night to celebrate the birth of his royal boy, when they themselves had just gained independence from despotism, and were striving to build a nation out of chaos and a group of philosophical principles called the Rights of Man!

In 1781 Harvard University gave the Chevalier the degree of LL. D. The following year he received the same honor from Dartmouth College. About

## FALLEN LEAVES FLOAT AWAY



Fallen leaves floating silently downstream make vivid patches of color on the dark water of Indian Ladder Falls, Pike county, in this late autumn scene.

this time he was elected to the Society of the Cincinnati.

### Served in England

The Chevalier de la Luzerne served in the United States from 1776 until 1784 when he was recalled at his own request. He returned to France presumably to retire from active diplomatic work although he was at that time only forty-three years old. His work, however, had been so well done that he was called upon again, and this time represented his country at the Court of St. James, then, as now, an important post. He served there until he died in 1791.

Luzerne had represented the Empire of France all his life, and when the Revolution changed all that it seemed

## JUVENILE GRID TEAMS BATTLE; MOORE'S TEAM TAKES TWO WINS

Dallas Borough's two-team juvenile football league is proceeding nicely, thank you, even though it does get tiresome playing the same team all the time.

One team is captained by Bob Moore, likable young son of Robert

that the Chevalier could not long survive. At any rate he had the satisfaction of knowing he had worked well for his country.

Unfortunately our information of the Chevalier and his private life is scant. In those days people were not so interested in the personal activities of a public character; they cared more for a man's honor and for his ability in his chosen field than for his marital and domestic ability in his chosen field. Suffice it to say, then, that the Chevalier de la Luzerne was a man of high ideals, a man of honor and discernment, and one who lived and worked carefully in a dangerous period in history.

Luzerne County, third largest in Pennsylvania, may feel that its name, like so many of its historic traditions, carries an honorable significance of which its people may well be proud. For, to Monsieur le Chevalier de la Luzerne, as it did to those Englishmen, Wilkes and Barre, this section has given concrete evidence of its gratitude to men who were staunch friends when friends were needed.

Moore, proprietor of the Dallas Mirror. The second team is a collection of youngsters whose team was built originally around a few helmets and footballs the boys won selling subscriptions to The Post.

Moore's team is enjoying a safe lead in the league now by right of three somewhat decisive victories.

Moore's team is coached by Lewis Reese. Scott Roberts of The Post has taken over the other team. Incidentally, Mr. Roberts has been so impressed by the fine spirit displayed by the boys of both teams that he is considering the idea of keeping them together after the season as a Boy's Club. They would need somewhere to meet and a little support from some of the civic-minded citizens of the town. There's a chance there for someone to do a real bit of service.

The members of Bob Moore's team are: William Price, FB, Tom Reese, HB, Harold Brobst, HB, Bob Moore, KB, Joe Urban, LE, Jerry Trudgeon, LG, Alvin Shaver, LT, Edward Tutak, C, Paul Klug, RT, Ernest Wood RG, Kenneth Trudgeon, RE, Junior Brobst, Scott Van Horn, substitutes.

The Post's squad has as members Bruce Atkinson, Edward Cundiff, Henry Lee, Bob McCarthy, David Galey, Pat Spurgeon, John Hauck, Bud Nelson, Jack Nelson, Henry Urban, Byron Atkinson, Tom Carkhuff, Mac McCarty, Harold Bogart and Dick Phillips.

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