

POST SCRIPTS

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The brazen courtship which The Sunday Independent and The Dallas Post have been carrying on for some years must be a little embarrassing to the readers of both papers. First we tell our readers how good the Independent is and then the Independent says nice things about us. It must bewilder folks who think newspapers should be at each other's throats consistently.

The latest gracious gesture on the part of The Independent came last Sunday, when Wyoming Valley's Home Newspaper complimented The Post and, indirectly, several faithful contributors who filled out this column last week. We have completely exhausted the usual methods of thanking Mr. Heffernan and his Independent. All we can say is that when we grow up we want to be an Independent.

No one is better known in this community than Tyke, who makes his headquarters at the Risley home but is scarcely ever there. Tyke prefers the gay excitement of Main Street and when that thoroughfare becomes dull he enlivens it in one way and another. His favorite method of bringing curb-stone discussion groups to life is to stretch out in the middle of the street for a nap, forcing motorists to detour around him and bringing the hearts of nervous pedestrians into their mouths.

The son of a gentle, sloe-eyed hound and a collie with the devil in his eyes, Tyke constantly spurs a comfortable dog house in favor of odd nooks and crannies about town. Lately he has taken a fancy to the doormat on the back porch of the Culbert home and accepts Mrs. Culbert's best efforts and refuses to give up the corner. Mrs. Culbert has, even removed the welcome mat, but her strategy is no match for the North Wind, which always drives Tyke back to the protected porch. Even Mrs. Risley's co-operation has been fruitless in coaxing Tyke back to his dog house. Knowing Tyke, we're afraid there isn't much use in trying to dislodge him. Spring breezes will lure him again to his accustomed rounds.

The great Baseball Team Mystery of 1938 is solved.

Fred (Sherlock Holmes) Welsh has identified all the players in the old photograph which was reproduced in The Post a month ago.

Ever since we printed the old picture we've been hearing from people who thought they knew the players. Several times we received lists which recognized all but one or two of the players. The end of the race was very close. Fred Welsh got under the tape just a few hours before Ralph Rood, who also had the correct identification.

Mr. Welsh and Mr. Rood agree that the baseball players in the picture were: First row: Claude Shaver, Lew Reese, Bob Frailey.

Second row: Charlie "Jake" Reigle, Lloyd Shaver, Harley Misson, Art Montross and Tom Reese.

Last row: Nesbitt Garinger, Bill Ockenhause, Russell Morris and Ed Evans.

The picture was taken about 1917. Mr. Welsh believes. He must have received some belated satisfaction from being the one to identify the players. A player on the team, he was supposed to have been in the picture, but he couldn't get around that day.

It was strange that Ralph Rood should have been the one to submit the only other correct and complete identification. About the time the picture was taken Mr. Welsh and Mr. Rood were playing on opposing teams, although both nines were from Dallas. Had they arrived at our office at the same time we should probably have been treated to one of the finest sessions of reminiscences we could imagine.

As it was we succeeded in holding Mr. Welsh long enough to hear a few tales which he had heard from old-timers and had added to his collection of local lore.

One of his stories we had never heard before. It concerned his father, who was engineer on the first locomotive which travelled along the tracks which now are used by the street cars. That line was built as a rival to the railroad and some difficulty was experienced in getting a right of way through Dallas.

The big obstacle was the old Odd Fellows' building (forerunner of the present structure) which stood directly in the path of the tracks. The promoters wanted to run the tracks over the spot which was taken by the porch. But the owners refused to budge an inch in their decision not to alter the structure.

Blocked at every turn, the promoters, with directness typical of industry in that era, decided to solve the problem in their own way. One night Mr. Welsh's father rolled a locomotive full speed up the completed track and slammed into the Odd Fellows' porch. The wrecked porch was such a convincing argument that the owners relented and permitted the railroad to continue its tracks over the disputed spot.

Farm Bureau Staff Covered 20,000 Miles In Last Year

Farmers Of County Hear Reports And Elect Officers At 24th Annual Meeting Of Agricultural Extension Association Wednesday

CENTERMORELAND MAN SECRETARY-TREASURER

Reports of activities which took the staff of Luzerne County Agricultural Extension over more than 20,000 miles of county roads within the last twelve months were given at the 24th annual meeting of the association in Wilkes-Barre Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday.

Besides the reports, farmers from all parts of the county heard informative addresses on farm problems and re-elected officers of the association to serve for another year. Paul Edinger of Pennsylvania State College and Rabbi Samuel L. Wolk of Wilkes-Barre were the speakers at the public meeting in the afternoon.

Officers elected are Fred Bittenbender of Huntington Mills, president; Nelson Y. Lewis, Exeter Township, vice-president, and Arthur Gay, Orange, secretary-treasurer.

Reporting for the home economics division of the farm bureau, Miss E. Nitzkowski said she had visited 119 homes, held 168 meetings, mailed 2,358 circular letters and covered 8,795 miles by automobile since the last annual meeting. The work she directed ranged from teaching farm women to make dresses to conducting a summer camp.

James D. Hutchinson, county agent, gave the lengthy report of the association's work in agriculture and rural sociology during the year. He and his assistant, J. H. Book, visited 800 farms and traveled 17,489 miles. The bureau held 248 meetings, which were attended by 11,881 persons.

The trend toward better marketing continued during the year, with attention being paid to the grading of eggs and potatoes especially. Scores of demonstrations were held throughout the county.

In the report on dairy husbandry, Colonel Dorrance Reynolds' Goodleigh Farm herd came in for special honors. Colonel Reynolds' herds showed an average production of 434.4 pounds of butterfat for the twelve months. As evidence of the improvement in local herds, it was reported that the average production increased from 309.4 pounds last year to 362.2 pounds this year.

Three local men won honorable mention in the report on agronomy. Thomas Pollock, Alfred Rice and George L. Rice, all of Lehman, passed the 400-bushel-per-acre potato mark in 1937. Mr. Rice producing 569 bushels on one acre.

In concluding his report, Mr. Hutchinson said:

"The Extension Association wishes to take this means of extending thanks to the leaders in the communities, both men and women, girls and boys, for without the aid of these leaders it would be impossible to carry out the year's program of activities.

"If your community has lacked in participation of any of these projects, and there is a need for any of them, you would be pleased to talk it over with you or a committee from your community."

"We also wish to thank the Board of Luzerne County Commissioners for making the appropriation available for local expenses of the Extension Association and also the Pennsylvania State College and the Agricultural Extension Department for their assistance in furthering the work for agricultural improvement in Luzerne County."

G. F. Stitzer, 72, Called By Death

Noxen Coal Dealer Will Be Buried On Saturday Afternoon

George F. Stitzer, 72, prominent resident of Noxen for the last twenty years, died in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital at 12:30 on Wednesday morning.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 at the home, with interment at Orcutt's Grove Cemetery, Noxen, Rev. Guy Leinthal and Rev. Harry Rundell will officiate.

A former resident of Kingston, Mr. Stitzer was a coal dealer. He was held in high esteem by a great number of friends, who sincerely mourn his passing. He is survived by the widow, four children, Mrs. Beulah Van Campen of Noxen, Mrs. Frank Etting, Dunmore; Albert Stitzer, Shavertown; Ernest, Kingston; three sisters, Mrs. Noah McClusky, Mt. Springs; Mrs. Etma Miller, Mrs. Albert Sensenbaugh, Pocono Lake; two brothers, Albert and Charles of Stroudsburg; 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Lehman Republicans Will Meet Tuesday

Lehman Republican Club will meet on Tuesday night, Washington's Birthday. A good crowd is expected, since plans will be made to obtain a better registration of Republican voters in the Lehman section.

Local Men Attend Bankers' Meeting

W. B. Jeter, C. W. Space and Fred Eck of First National Bank, Dallas, attended the convention of Group 3, Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, on Friday and Saturday.

Will Ask State To Assume Care Of Center Hill

Supervisors Can Have State Take Over Lower End Of Road

MOTOR CLUB ACTS

Representing motorists who have complained again concerning the condition of Center Hill Road, Dallas, Wyoming Valley Motor Club this week took steps to have the section from Lake Street to the railroad taken over by the State Department of Highways, a step which would settle a controversy of many years duration.

The dividing line between Dallas Borough and Dallas Township, Center Hill Road has been the cause of a number of disputes and the question of responsibility for its maintenance has even provoked law suits. Several months ago the motor club threatened to have the constable return the highway as a nuisance.

The section maintained by Dallas Borough is not in bad condition. Norman Johnstone, secretary of Wyoming Valley Motor Club, visited the highway this week with an official of the State Highway Department and received assurance that if the supervisors of Dallas Township petition the Highway Department two-tenths of a mile will be taken over immediately.

Musical Tea At St. Paul's Church

The Senior and Young Peoples' Choir of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, held a Musical Tea at the church Tuesday evening. The program follows: Song, entire group, Mrs. Newton Ness; accompanist: piano solo, Ruth Dressel; tenor solo, Edgar Steinhauer; soprano solo, Mrs. Isabel Santiago, accompanied by Mrs. Edward Griffith; solo tap dance, Ruth Ness; piano solo, Lillian Rood; bass and tenor solo, Messrs. Edgar and Harry Steinhauer; piano solo, Ruth Hontz; readings, Marjorie Howell. Harry Steinhauer was master of ceremonies and led the group singing.

Rev. Herbert E. Frankfort spoke briefly.

The following attended:

Mrs. Edward O. Griffith, Mrs. W. E. Batey, Mrs. Isabel Santiago, Lillian Rood, Betty Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dressel and daughter, Ruth, Mrs. Mae Ash, Mrs. Ralph Franklin, Mrs. Kenneth Inman, Marjorie J. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Ness and daughters, Nancy, Ruth and Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hontz and daughter, Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Spahn, Mrs. James J. Morrissey, Mrs. M. J. Borthwick, Mrs. Charles Gosart, Kathryn Finnen, Mrs. W. M. Porter, Mrs. Sherman Schooley, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Keeler, Mrs. Louise Sharp, Mrs. Edith Hoffman and daughters, Meta and Mary Ann, Mrs. Charles Warren, Mrs. Willard Lozo, Mrs. Byron Kitchen, Mrs. John Eck, Mrs. Katherine Milkemes and daughters, Louise and Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dierolf, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kromelbein, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cottle and son, John, Mrs. Lida McLuskie, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Gilton, Miss Ann Leahey, Mrs. K. G. Laycock, Marlene Laycock, Mrs. Wayne Graybill, William Paul Steinhauer, William F. Steinhauer, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bartholomew, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kromelbein, Mrs. John Garrahan, Mrs. Anna L. Kanner and daughter, Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Steinhauer, Miss Beverly Steinhauer.

Miss Edna Steinhauer, Miss Emily Steinhauer, Mrs. John Howard, Mrs. Earl J. Atherholt and son, Earl, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Morris King, Valerio Hunt, Walter Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gerlach, Mr. and Mrs. James Harfman, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Winkle, Regina McAndrew, Mrs. L. Kenneth Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steinhauer, Miss Bernice Lozo, Mrs. Gladys Thompson, Mary King, Ruth Adler, Laura Adler, Nancy and Jane Bevan, Jane Hutchison and Rev. Mr. Frankfort.

Famed Legion Band To Be Here March 8

Daddow-Isaacs Post Will Sponsor Concert Appearance

Recognized widely as one of the outstanding American Legion Bands in the country, the band of John Stark Post of Greater Pittston will play a concert in Dallas Township High School auditorium on Tuesday night, March 8, under the auspices of Daddow-Isaacs Post, American Legion, of Dallas.

The band has been in existence for nearly twenty years and includes among its members some of the finest instrumentalists in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Dr. R. M. Bierly is the director. The band has travelled extensively throughout the East and has broadcast over a number of city stations. At the American Legion convention in 1937 it broadcast on a coast-to-coast hook-up.

Howard Cosgrove, Sr., proprietor of Cosgrove's Bakery, plays a bass in the band and his son, Howard, Jr., plays a baritone.

Paul Shaver, commander of Daddow-Isaacs Post, promises an excellent program in connection with the concert.

PRIMARY ON MAY 17 IS FIRST EVENT ON ELECTION CALENDAR

A calendar of election events in 1938 follows:
First Day for Signatures on Nomination Petitions February 26
Last Day to File Nomination Petitions March 28
Last Day for Withdrawals, April 2
Last Day to File Objections..... April 2
Last Day to Register before Primaries April 16
Last Day to File Removal Notices April 18
Last Day to File Nominating Papers April 27
Last Day to Object to Nomination Papers May 2
Spring Primary May 17
Last Day to File Primary Expense Accounts June 16
Last Day to Withdraw September 6
Last Day to Register before Election October 8
General Election.....November 8
Last Day to File Expense Accounts December 8

Prepare To Adopt Definite Program

Kiwianians And Rotarians To Have General Meeting Shortly

Encouraged by the unanimous support given so far to the plans of Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club and Greater Dallas Rotary Club for a Community Council, leaders in the movement are making arrangements for a meeting early in March to adopt a definite program.

A number of committees appointed several weeks ago have been investigating various avenues of civic development and their reports are nearing completion. As the reports are finished they will be presented to the public through The Post.

Attorney Peter Jurchak, one of the leaders in the movement, said yesterday he has been greatly encouraged by the reaction of people in Dallas, Dallas Township, and Kingston Township. So far, he said, the only division of opinion has been on the exact methods to be used to accomplish the end. Everyone seems anxious to cooperate toward the attainment of these ends.

A brief meeting was held on Wednesday night, and it was proposed that a larger meeting be scheduled for early in March, probably at the country club. At that meeting, prominent civic and business leaders will again be invited to sit in on the planning.

Leadership School Begins February 28

Sunday school workers from this section are invited to attend the Inter-denominational Leadership Training school to be held at First M. E. Church, Wilkes-Barre, beginning Monday night, February 28, and continuing every Monday to April 4. Several courses under competent instructors will be given. Information concerning the course can be received by communicating with Miss Helen A. Thompson, dean, or Thomas Jones, registrar, phone 3-2912.

Puppy Bred Here Wins Top Honors

Mrs. Cottle's Six Penny Bit Places High At New York Show

Six Penny Bit of Fenbor, a son of Mrs. Margaret McL. Cottle's Corinthian Cypress, won first prize in the specialty show for wire-haired fox terriers which preceded the big Westminster dog show and placed third in a puppy class of eleven at Westminster last week.

Six Penny Bit was bred here but is owned now by Robert Neff of Montclair, N. J. He was sired by Champion Sportsman of Widoake out of Corinthian Cypress and is nine months old. Mrs. Cottle has her Merricourt Kennels at Shavertown.

Democrats Discuss Election Activities

The Democratic Club met Tuesday at the home of Scott Van Horn and heard short talks on plans for the coming campaign. A resolution to organize a permanent club was drawn up and adopted. Present were John Frantz, president, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Van Horn, Eleanor Machell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallo, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Polack, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mead and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Michel.

Healey To Address Men's Brotherhood

Warden William B. Healey of Luzerne County Prison will address members of the Brotherhood of St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Monday night, February 28, at 8. His subject will be "How The Average Citizen Can Prevent Crime In His Community." The meeting will be held in the basement of the church.

No Paper Devotes As Much Space To The Affairs Of Dallas And Vicinity As The Post. That Makes This Paper Truly Your Home Paper.

Three More Men Taken In Drive To Curb Thefts

Second Police Raid Of Week Brings Recovered Loot To \$1,000

CRIME WAVE CHECKED

Three men are beginning jail sentences and three more are locked up awaiting hearings as a result of a sweeping police investigation in the vicinity of Dallas this week in an effort to solve scores of petty crimes which have been committed during the last few months. About \$1,000 in goods stolen from local people has been recovered.

The second police raid of the week was on Wednesday when a Kingston Township father and his two sons were arrested after about \$500 worth of loot had been discovered in their garage. Although the names were withheld for a time, pending identification of the goods, Wyoming Barracks announced last night the men are Frank Hilstolski and his sons, Stanley, 19, and Henry, 18.

They will probably be arraigned today, charged with stealing accessories from the garages of Nicholas Cave, Ross Lewin and Fred Honeywell in Dallas and John Wilson, Jackson Township, Mary R. Harris, Franklin Township, and George Berlew, Franklin Township. The Dallas robberies took place last week.

The men were arrested at their home on a Wyoming R. D. route in Kingston Township. One of the brothers was apprehended first and police laid in wait at the home until the father and other brother returned.

Ernest Wilson, 45, East Dallas, and his brothers-in-law, John and Barney Eydinsky, were arrested Saturday and sentenced Monday to serve from one to two years in the county jail. After the raid on Wilson's home police returned about \$400 worth of stolen property to its owners.

For months police have been trying to catch petty thieves who have stolen gasoline and accessories from automobiles in local garages or parked on borough streets near the moving picture theatre or the high school. The wholesale round up this week solved most of the thefts.

Working with Chief of Police Leonard O'Kane and Constables Curtis and Melvin Anderson of Dallas Township were Privates Arthur Jones, Frank Supudar, Stansfield and Banghart of the State Motor Police.

Lozo Heads Quoit Tossers For 1938

League Meeting Is Sure Omen That Spring Is Near

Looking ahead to the opening of their season in a few months, representatives of teams in the Rural Quoits League met recently, elected officers and discussed the possibility of forming an eight-club circuit this year.

Willard Lozo of Shavertown was elected president of the League. Other officers named are: Howard Schenck of Ox-Bow, vice-president; Stanley Davis, of Shavertown, secretary; Elwood Stevens, Harvey's Lake, treasurer; L. T. Schwartz, Shavertown, publicity.

A committee made up of one member from each of the six clubs was appointed to try to enlist two more teams in the league. The committee has as members Iggy Kozemchak, Oliver Phebe, Hale Garvey, Willard Lozo, Elwood Stevens, Irvin Davis and Stanley Davis.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

It seems like we just naturally crave to be bamboozled. You go any place, like at a circus or a fair where some nimble stranger has 3 shells and one pea, and there is a crowd around him. And we bet the gentleman we know which shell the pea is under—and we go home without our shirt.

But if a feller you know and have known before has a bank, and he asks folks to put their money there for safe keeping and interest it is not exciting enough.

A person with some common sense idea about business don't get to first base with his ideas. He don't even get up to bat. He is an old fogey, and we don't want him around.

But if some duck comes along with something cracked, but new, and he says, boys, I have here what the country needs, we give him 3 cheers. And the gent pulls out a vial—a new elixir—that will cure everything. It sounds great.

So he shakes up his bottle and announces us, lo and behold—just the same old medicine—and we mosey home again, half-naked.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA