

State's Hard Coal Region Is Having Its 'Face Lifted'

Unightly Culm Banks To Be Planted With Black Locust

OTHERS LEVELED

Pennsylvania's pock-marked hard coal region is having "its face lifted." Unightly culm banks and ragged pit openings in the anthracite areas, particularly in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties, are now being leveled and replanted.

The Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, in announcing the purchase of materials for carrying out its program of beautification, has advanced its plans from the theoretical to the practical stage.

Pittston, Scranton, Olyphant, Carbondale, and Nanticoke are among the other cities that are now removing these "eyesores."

The trend for beautifying the hard coal region is the outgrowth of a recent conference held in Wilkes-Barre, where Federal and State agencies approved a general plan advanced by the Valley Entrances Committee to clothe culm banks and other mine debris with swift-growing black locust trees—more than 250,000 of them.

Representatives of the State Highway Department and U. S. Forestry service in co-operation with major coal companies and railroads of the region worked out details of the projects.

The projects, as decided at the conference, are being carried out by the National Youth Administration, under Highway Department supervision.

In Olyphant, town councilmen have leased the site of an old dump and are now converting it into a park and playground for children.

The culm taken from these huge banks is to be used in filling in a gully that separates two streets.

The State Publicity Commission in referring to the Wilkes-Barre announcement held that the beauty of the hard coal region would be enhanced by the planting of these tall trees, which would serve to hide the ugliness of the culm banks by acting as screens.

Children would also be kept off dangerous highways by converting these plots into playgrounds.

Ruggles

MRS. MYRTLE KOCHER CORRESPONDENT

Leslie Kocher has been under the doctor's care.

Ira Major, Sr., and brother, Frank Major of Tunkhannock are staying at the Major cottage at this writing.

John Bronson is ill with pneumonia after convalescing from a case of measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wilkes called on Mr. and Mrs. Verne Kitchen on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hillard, children Wilma, Barbara and Dean spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Whitesell of Roaring Brook.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrison Kocher, Mrs. Louise Kocher of Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. John Shoemaker, daughters, Louise and Betty of Wyoming were entertained at dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Alderson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Kitchen, Vera Sarah, Nellie Kitchen, and Harold Wilson of Wyoming spent Thursday calling on Mr. and Mrs. Orrison Kocher.

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The Old Scrap Book

Greetings:

There are many qualities in children that most adults would do well to imitate. Their sincerity, simplicity, and utmost confidence amazes us who are not so much that way.

Never make light of any idea a child may have. Who knows but that some day that very same idea may be one that will make a name in the world? Often a childlike thought has suggested important advances in society.

A CHILD'S PRAYER

A child's prayer means more to me, Than money or a sight to see; A tender thought in sweet array, Remembering Christ on His dying day.

A clear resemblance of our own Christ child, With pleading eyes and praises mild; Their thanks for blessings from above, To the One who gave them all His love.

To know that they are free from sin And going forth some soul to win; To know He has left them without a care, That's the joy of a child's prayer.

(By Miss Betty Cressman of Hazelton).

Here is our text for the week: "Except you be converted, and become as little children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 18:3).

The children of today are the men and women of tomorrow. How they succeed as leaders in the next generation depends on the parents of today. Therefore, be careful as to what kind of example you set for them.

Here is a thought for the week: Don't think that you need to be childish; what you need is to be childlike.

Yours in the interest of juveniles, Bob Sutton.

Quarterly Meeting Began Wednesday

The quarterly meeting began at Outlet F. M. Church on Wednesday night. There will be a service on Friday night, none on Saturday, and services Sunday. Sunday School will be at 10, preaching, followed by communion, at 11. Love Feast at 7, followed by preaching. Rev. T. M. Holcomb, district elder, will attend for the last time during his present term.

Miss Leona Kocher and Clarence Oberst were quietly married by Rev. Guy Leinthal at the home of the bride's parent, Mr. M. J. Kocher on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The couple have left on an extended wedding tour and expect to be at home on Lehman Road to start house-keeping after July 1.

The world's first oil well was drilled in Oil Creek in Venango County in 1859.

MODERN LABORATORY FOR COOKING



This is Luzerne County Gas & Electric Corporation's "Little White House" in Kingston, where Mrs. Bertha Phillips Howe conducts cooking classes to instruct housewives in the advantages of electrical equipment. Inside is a completely-equipped, up-to-date kitchen, where visitors can see how steps and money can be saved, how quality of cooking can be improved.

FIRST TRAVEL PICTURES MADE BY LYMAN HOWE 25 YEARS AGO

This section of Pennsylvania is the home of the modern travel films that today are shown in most theatres. Lyman H. Howe, who lived in Wilkes-Barre a quarter of a century ago, was the true pioneer in this particular branch of the movie industry.

Howe's travel festivals were semi-annual affairs in practically every important city in the country and brought moving pictures to countless thousands long before the era of screen dramas.

His programs, in the form of travelogues filmed in all parts of the world, early were recognized as pictures of high merit. These pictures were prominent during the first decade of the twentieth century when there were no motion pictures as they are known today.

The films, as outlined in the programs of the Lyman H. Howe Travel Festival, covered a variety of subjects

such as films of a five-year expedition into the walled-in-secrets of China; views of giant caterpillar tractors first introduced by the army; views of Coney Island, and "fast and furious fun at New York's playground"; Alaska, its icebergs and glaciers; pictures of Mount Vesuvius in action.

To add realism Howe acquired a piano-playing partner named S. M. Walkingshaw, who with him developed their own sound effects.

Men were placed behind the scenes to create the sound of splashing water when ships or boats were being shown. Battleship maneuvers always had the loud "boom" of a pistol fired into a large empty barrel.

And the group of sound-effect men in the back would converse in Chinese when an Oriental scene was flashed on the screen, and croon a Hawaiian number when the beach of Waikiki was shown.

Rev. Mahler Elected President Of A.P.L.I.

Rev. Andrew Mahler, Dallas M. E. campgrounds clergyman, succeeded Marvin W. McCarty of Wilkes-Barre as president of the American Progressive League, Inc., of Pennsylvania, at an election held by delegates from 92 league branches in Kingston, this week.

Vets Will Sponsor Benefit At Theatre

Kingston Township Veterans' Association will sponsor a benefit performance at Shavertown Theatre, Shavertown, on Monday, July 18. The receipts will be used to send a Kingston Township boy to the American Legion encampment at Indiantown gap.

SERVICES AT NOXEN

Rev. John Albright, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church at Noxen, will preach on "The Cloak of Humility" on Sunday morning at 11 a. m. There will be no vesper services during July and August.

The only circular boundary on earth separates Pennsylvania from Delaware.

DON'T MISS THE NEW OUTDOOR BIG GAME PARTY

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Farm Bureau Warns Against Epidemic

Late Potato Blight Appears In Counties Near Luzerne

A warning against late blight was issued by Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Association this week after reports had been received of serious damage in neighboring counties.

Late blight has caused a 50 per cent reduction in the Eastern Shore of New Jersey potato crop. The disease has appeared earlier in the season than ever before and the widely separated points in which it has been reported indicates that it is well distributed through the potato growing areas. This condition is due to early favorable weather conditions such as cool nights followed by warm, moist days. Should normal hot, dry weather occur during July, the blight outbreak probably will be checked, but if damp weather continues, blight may cause serious losses to potato growers.

Thorough spraying with bordeaux mixture is the only measure that will insure growers against loss from the threatened blight epidemic. Growers are urged to obtain thorough coverage at once, unless a thorough job of spraying has already been done.

Camp Wildwood Is Opened For Season

Camp Wildwood, Girl Scout day camp at Harvey's Lake, was officially opened for girls from 10 to 18 years of age early this week. Heading a WPA councilor staff will be Mrs. E. K. Conrad, camp director; Edith Daniels, Bertha Cohen, supervisor of Wyoming Valley camps; and Mrs. E. J. Schubert. Special bus accommodations for girls from the Dallas district were provided.

Spanning the Susquehanna River north of Harrisburg, the Rockville stone arch bridge of the Pennsylvania railroad is the largest structure of its kind in the world.

Mrs. Howe Explains Why Electricity Helps Housewives

HERE NEXT WEEK

(Mrs. Howe is home economics director for Luzerne County Gas & Electric Corp. She will be at the Cooking School Annex next week to meet local housewives and answer their questions about electric cooking.) Modern cookery is "simplified cook-

ery" which shortens hours in the kitchen and produces healthful combinations of food for well-nourished bodies. It cuts to a minimum the thousand and one steps the average home maker makes in preparing three meals a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year.

In my travels in many states, I found great interest in modern cooking equipment, especially the electric range. In remodeling the White House in Washington old and dilapidated equipment was replaced with the most modern methods available, including the electric range.

As you know, economy is the watchword with every housewife now. More information on foods and good cooking methods is available today than ever before in the history of our country. There are laboratories located in the large centers where manufacturers are daily experimenting with the best methods of food preparation.

Economy and efficiency are always desirable. Mrs. Home Maker wants to know that which will enable her to squeeze every penny out of every food dollar that she spends. Low cost in the operation of her electric range does this for her.

The electric range offers all these things, economy, simplicity, convenience and many other features. Think of the convenience of having breakfast done when you come down in the morning, dinner ready to serve at any hour desired and with no watching for fear it will not be right, as the electric dinner takes care of this.

There is no time like the present for being a home maker, famous for her ordinary skill.

JIM SIMPLY WON'T EAT MY SALADS...



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