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POST SCRIPTS

KITTEN

The new tortoise-shell kitten at the Tally Ho Grille has been named Post Scripts.

ARGUMENT

To settle a heated controversy at the A. & P. store: There are four ways to pronounce "tortoise": Tor-tus, tor-toiz, tor-tois, tor-tiz. "Tor-tus" is preferred but none, according to Webster, is incorrect.

PANSIES

Mrs. E. A. Itrich of Pasadena, Cal., is proud of the West Coast's much-vaunted climate. Her sister, Mrs. Amanda Yaple of Church Street is, and justifiably so, proud of Dallas. So when Mrs. Yaple dropped in this week to renew Mrs. Itrich's subscription, Mrs. Yaple brought the editor a bouquet of pansies, freshly plucked from her garden. Take that, California!

LASSO

Speaking of the West, Claude Street had a bit of wild and woolly excitement the other day. One of Howard Worden's pigs escaped and went squealing up the street, giving a perfect example of broken field running. Then Bob Hislop, Jr., found a rope somewhere, made a lasso and set out on a lope after the porker. He roped 'er, too. Hi ho, Silver!

S. M. R.

Miss S. M. R. O'Hara, who will be Secretary of the Commonwealth in Judge James' cabinet, will never need to ask for quarter among the shrewd politicians at Harrisburg. A practicing attorney for more than 25 years, the 55-year-old G. O. P. leader was active in politics long before women were able to vote. Like her new boss and long-time friend, Miss O'Hara has never been defeated for office. She was elected alternate to the Republican national convention in 1932 and alternate delegate-at-large in 1936. She was vice-chairman of the Republican State Committee from 1934 until last Spring. She helped to found the Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women and was president of it from 1930 to 1934. She will be no stranger in Harrisburg, for she was a deputy attorney general under Governors Fisher and Pinchot and when Richard J. Beamish was Secretary of the Commonwealth under Governor Earle. Miss O'Hara was his legal adviser. Those intriguing initials, incidentally, stand for "Sophia Mary Richarda."

WELL!

The name of Arthur H. James has appeared pretty frequently in the newspapers lately, never without the middle initial, but not very many people know what the "H" stands for. We learned this week. It's — sh-h-h-h-h — it's Horace!

STOOL

Anyone who goes to see gangster movies knows about "stool-pigeons" but we never knew how the epithet was born until W. B. Riskey mentioned it the other evening while he was telling us about the thick flocks of passenger pigeons which once darkened the skies here with their passing. Ever since MacKinlay Kantor's story, "The Noise of their Wings," appeared in our respected contemporary, The Saturday Evening Post, people have been trying to explain what happened to those tremendous flocks, which seemingly were wiped out overnight. Some say the pigeons can still be found on the shores of Lake Titicaca in the Bolivian Andes. Others swear the great flocks were swept to sea in a storm. The Bureau of Biological Survey says the pigeons were killed off by market hunters. We don't know, but we envy the older folks who have the memory of those million-strong flocks which were so thick they shut out the sun. Mr. Riskey recalls their flights as his grandfather described them. At first sign of the cloud on the horizon, great

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GRAND JURY CRITICAL BUT RETURNS NO TRUE BILL IN CAVE TRAGEDY

A Luzerne County Grand Jury which studied evidence this week in the drowning of seven crippled children and the driver of their car in a mine cave hole in Wilkes-Barre Township last November 19 found no criminal negligence but it condemned many persons and corporations.

After a thorough investigation of the case, which included a visit to the roadside pit which was the scene of the tragedy, the jury criticized Wilkes-Barre Township commissioners, the Glen Alden Coal Co. and the Central Railroad of New Jersey for "not having observed keener foresight for human life."

Although the jury's action forestalled criminal proceedings, it is understood civil suit is to be filed for damages by parents of the children.

Hearing On Guild Strike Postponed Until February 16

Action Taken On Request Of Employes' A. F. of L. Union

MOVE IS UNEXPECTED

A hearing to have begun yesterday at Wilkes-Barre before the National Labor Relations Board on claims of the Office Employes' Association, an A. F. of L. affiliate, to act as the bargaining agent for certain white collar employes of the newspapers was postponed until February 16.

The request for a postponement halted the hearing, which was ready to begin in the post office building, and destroyed what appeared to be a long step toward eliminating the basic "jurisdiction" question which has separated publishers and strikers since October 1.

The American Newspaper Guild, the C. I. O. affiliate which called the strike, claims it is the bargaining agent for editorial, circulation, advertising and business department employes. The A. F. of L. Office Employes' Association disputes the Guild's claim and demands recognition as the agent for employes in advertising, business and circulation departments.

The publishers have steadfastly refused to negotiate until the National Labor Relations Board determines which union represents which employes. The Guild charges the Office Employes' Association is a "company union," and has brought charges of unfair practice against the publishers. Unless the dispute between the two unions can be settled an election will have to be held among the employes.

On Monday night, C. I. O. union members from Wyoming Valley, including the United Mine Workers, held a rally in behalf of the Guildmen at South Main Street Armory and broadcast a demand for the publishers to meet with the Guild and negotiate. Prominent labor leaders spoke and a resolution was adopted reiterating the promises of the United Mine Workers to put their support behind the Guild in its efforts to secure a contract.

Joseph Walsh, veteran Wilkes-Barre newspaperman and a member of the Guild, was to have addressed Dallas Rotary Club but the day's developments made it impossible for him to attend and another member of the Guild, Jerry Evans, spoke.

Replace Plane Which Cost Student's Life

Replacing the airplane which carried student pilot John Regalis to his death near the Wyoming Valley Airport two weeks ago, Russell K. Smith brought a new two-passenger 50 horse ven Monday. The new plane has many power cub plane down from Lock H. modern features, is more powerful than the old one by 10 horse power units. Mr. Smith was accompanied on his trip to Lock Haven by Alfred Bronson of Sweet Valley and William Klish.

Former Noxen Woman Dies At Forty Fort

Mrs. Elizabeth Dennis, 74, former resident of Noxen, died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Warren Jayne of Forty Fort. Since the death of her husband 26 years ago, Mrs. Dennis had lived with Mrs. Jayne, but had continued to attend services at Noxen M. E. Church.

She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Harry Thompson, Noxen; Mrs. Stewart Hettig, Lee Park; Mrs. George Jenkins, Harvey's Lake; Mrs. Charles Farr, Niagara Falls, and Mrs. Jayne of Forty Fort; three sons, Irven, Towanda, and Jerome and Addison of Askam; 20 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Friday from the home of Mrs. Jayne, with services in charge of Rev. Benjamin Hanton, pastor of the Askam M. E. Church, and interment in Orcutt's Cemetery, Noxen.

BETROTHED



Mr. and Mrs. George Weintz of Meeker have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marion Pauline (above) to Leonard D. Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harvey of Dallas. Mr. Harvey is employed at the Hazard Wire Rope Works, Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Weintz is proprietor of Marion's Beauty Shop in Luzerne. No date has been set for the wedding.

Board To Proceed To Sink New Well

Warhola Asks Abandonment Of Plans; Promises Good Supply

Although Leslie Warhola, manager of Dallas Water Co., appeared before the board to outline a contemplated improvement program which he claimed will assure a constant supply of water, Dallas school directors last night proceeded with their plans to sink a well.

Mr. Warhola told the board his company is preparing to add another large well to its sources and assured the directors that the increased supply will prevent interruptions of service such as have necessitated a dismissal of classes on several occasions.

R. L. Hallock and R. Bruce Shaver had been invited to attend the meeting and were questioned by the board concerning the possibility of drilling a well on school property and installing equipment which would supply an adequate supply of water to the two buildings. The board requested estimates on the cost of such a plan.

Mrs. Rose Slise, 75, Dies At Marsh Creek

Mrs. Rose Ann Slise, 75, lifelong resident of Marsh Creek and wife of William E. Slise, was buried in Marsh Cemetery, Centerville, yesterday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Rasmussen officiated.

Mrs. Slise died of a heart attack Monday morning at her home after an illness of three weeks. Born and raised at Marsh Creek, she was a member of Eatonville Baptist Church. Surviving are her husband, William E., a sister, Mrs. Thomas LaBarr of Orange, four nieces and four nephews.

BON VOYAGE TEA

One hundred twenty-five members of the Wyoming Conference, W. F. M. S., held a tea in the lounge of the Y. W. C. A. in Wilkes-Barre Saturday afternoon in honor of two Wyoming Conference missionaries who are returning to their work after furloughs. Each has 20 years' experience in missions.

Miss Ethel Miller, Montrose, will sail from Seattle, Wash., January 23 for Yeng Byen, Korea. Miss Helen Cough, Carbondale, will sail from San Francisco, Cal., March 2, for Kwassni College, Nagasaki, Japan.

Cover 40,000 Miles In Investigation Of Martin Murder

Secrecy May Mean A Break Is Near In Local Mystery

NO ONE BEING HELD

Rounding out 40,000 miles of travel in their search for the slayer of Margaret Martin, 19-year-old Kingston Sunday school teacher whose nude and mutilated body was found in Keelers Creek three weeks ago, State police and county detectives continued their colorless quest through the third week without reaching the solution.

Several suspects, whose names are withheld, are being watched and there is a formidable quantity of routine information to be checked yet, but both State policemen and county detectives said there is no break imminent. No one is being held.

About 25 men are still working on the case and spending from 18 to 19 hours a day on it. Most of them worked through the holidays and are even engaged in their investigation on Sunday. They stress the necessity for keeping the public reminded of the case because the "break" may come from someone not involved in the investigation.

Another hopeful lead collapsed this week when police absolved Paul E. Rhodine, 24, Salt Lake City, of guilt. He was arrested in Scranton because of suspicious acts but had an airtight alibi. He was sent to jail on a vagrancy charge.

Grim Reaper Calls Marilla Martin, 59

Had Been Resident Of East Dallas For Twenty Years

The largely attended funeral of Mrs. Marilla Martin, 59, wife of William Martin of East Dallas was held Tuesday afternoon from the home, with services in East Dallas M. E. Church conducted by Rev. Francis E. Freeman, pastor, with the assistance of Rev. Judson Batley. Interment was in Wardan Cemetery.

Mrs. Martin died Sunday morning at her home following a two days' illness. She had lived in East Dallas for 20 years, was a member of East Dallas M. E. Church and active in its affairs. Surviving are her husband, William, three daughters, Mrs. Leroy Wagner and Mrs. Gweir Davis, Dallas, and Mrs. Hamilton Celson, Jr., Shavertown; three sons, Harry, East Dallas; Marshall, Trucksville, and Ziba, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Scott Newberry and Mrs. Ira Ross, East Dallas, a brother, Harry May of Pittston and ten grandchildren.

Pallbearers were John Lumley, Charles Clemins, William Cobleigh, George Snyder, Corey Crispell and John Anderson, and flower carriers included Jean Hildebrandt, Margaret Brace and Alice Brace, Marilyn Wilson, Minnie Crispell, Helen Lumley and Doris Wandell.

Noxen Man's Mother Is Buried Wednesday

Mrs. Lydia Ann Kieper, 88, mother of William Kieper of Noxen, was buried Wednesday afternoon in Blakeslee M. E. Church Cemetery following services from the Topyhanna home of her daughter, Mrs. Sherman Marsh. Mrs. Kieper, a native of Redders, died Sunday morning at the home of Mrs. Marsh, with whom she had lived for the past 23 years. Surviving are three daughters, four sons, 32 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

THIEF TAKES 40-GALLON TANK, MOTOR AND PUMP FROM LAKE BOAT HOUSE

The theft of an electric pump, its motor and a 40-gallon water tank from a Point Breeze boat house Saturday night is being investigated by Police Chief Ira C. Stevenson and Fred Swanson of the Harvey's Lake force.

The burglary of the pump, valued at \$80, from a boat house owned by Raymond Russell, was reported to police Sunday morning by Vernon Rood, who noticed the broken lock dangling from the boat house door. Fingerprints taken from the place where the pump was uprooted have been sent to the State Motor Police Barracks for study. A suspect is under surveillance.

Judge Will Expose Enemies Of Nation

St. Paul's Brotherhood To Hear Valentine Next Monday Night

"Enemies of the United States" will be the subject of an address by Judge W. Alfred Valentine before the Brotherhood of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, on Monday night at 8.

Judge Valentine, who has taken particular interest in the cause of Americanism, has collected considerable evidence regarding the local operations of "the enemies of this country" and his address promises to be of extreme interest. The public will be welcome. Fred Malkemes, president of the Brotherhood, will preside and a brief devotional service will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Herbert Frankfort.

\$27,901 Comes From WPA For Shavertown School

First payment of the Public Works Administration 45% outright grant of \$27,901 for the construction of Shavertown Grade School project was received here today. WPA Resident Engineer Inspector, Charles A. Boland, announced today.

The check for \$15,500.50 from the Federal Government received by local officials here marks the first actual transfer of Federal Funds on the new project. This check for 25% of the total cost represents the Federal Government's contribution toward the preliminary expenses of the project and enables local officials to finance the first part of the work.

HELTZEL-MATHERS

On December 31 Miss Mary E. Heltzel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Heltzel of Kingston and William R. Mathers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Mathers of Trucksville, were united in marriage in the rectory of St. Ignatius Church by the Very Rev. J. J. McGuckin. Attendants were Miss Frances Cupples of Kingston and Douglas Riddle of Trucksville. Mr. and Mrs. Mathers are making their home in Washington, D. C.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Eva Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones, 86 Welles Avenue, Forty Fort, to Richard Roderick Jenkins, son of Mrs. William E. Jenkins, 67 Welles Avenue, Forty Fort. The ceremony was performed in Philadelphia March 26, 1938, by Rev. Owen P. Williams, pastor of the First Welsh Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Jenkins is a graduate of Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital. Mr. Jenkins attended Penn State and is associated with the Maffey Oil Co. at Kingston.

SERVICES AT LAKE

Rev. John R. Albright will speak on "The Beauty of a Christian Life" at the Harvey's Lake Lutheran Church Sunday morning, Church at 9 o'clock, Sunday School at 10.

Miss O'Hara Given Major Appointment In James' Cabinet

Salaries Of Appointees To Total Over \$150,000 Annually

FOURTEEN APPOINTED

Miss S. M. R. O'Hara, prominent Wilkes-Barre attorney and veteran political leader, became Pennsylvania's first woman Secretary of the Commonwealth yesterday.

She was one of the Pennsylvanians named by Governor-elect Arthur H. James this week to be members of his official cabinet, the only member from the jurist's home county.

The department heads selected by the new governor include a judge, an official of the Grange, three newspapermen, an A. F. of L. executive, one industrialist, a former State chairman of the Republican party, a professor of political science and four men who are or have been public office holders.

Miss O'Hara was Judge James' only appointment from Luzerne County although it is reported that the new governor will distribute several important sub-cabinet jobs in his home territory. Her salary will be \$10,000 a month.

The new cabinet members and their salaries follow: Secretary of the Commonwealth—Miss O'Hara.

Others On Cabinet

Attorney General—Claude T. Reno, Allentown, former Lehigh County judge, salary, \$12,000.

Insurance Commissioner—Col. Matthew H. Taggart of Northumberland County, commissioner under Governor Fisher, \$10,000.

Secretary of Agriculture—John H. Light, Lebanon County, secretary of the Pennsylvania State Grange, \$10,000.

Secretary of Forests and Waters—G. Albert Stewart, publisher of the Clearfield Progress, former member of the Legislature, \$10,000.

Secretary of Labor and Industry—Lewis G. Hines, Philadelphia, executive secretary to William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, \$10,000.

Secretary of Welfare—E. Arthur Sweeney, president of the Tribune-Review Publishing Co., Greensburg; Republican candidate for auditor-general in 1936, \$10,000.

Secretary of Highways—I. Lamont Hughes, Pittsburgh, former president of Carnegie Steel Co., \$12,000.

Secretary of Revenue—William J. Hamilton, sheriff of Philadelphia and Republican leader in that city, \$12,000.

Secretary of Public Assistance—Howard L. Russell, Upper Darby, Philadelphia suburb, head of the methods and systems unit for the Department of Public Assistance and second in command of relief under Karl De Schweinitz in the Earle Administration, \$10,000.

Adjutant General, Brigadier General Edward Martin, Washington County, former estate G. O. P. chairman, \$10,000.

Commissioner of Pennsylvania Motor Police—Major Lynn G. Adams, Dauphin County, former head of State police, \$8,000.

Cabinet posts yet to be filled are secretary of banking, secretary of mines, secretary of health, secretary of property and supplies and adjutant general.

J. Paul Pedigo, Philadelphia newspaperman, was appointed secretary to the Governor at a salary of \$7,500. Dr. Edward B. Logan of Philadelphia, an assistant professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania and budget secretary in the Pinchot Administration, was appointed as budget secretary. Neither are members of the "cabinet", however.

JUDGE JAMES TO GIVE OATH TO LEWIS, THEN BE SWORN IN HIMSELF

As a member of the Superior Court, Judge Arthur H. James will administer the oath of office next Tuesday to Lieut.-Gov.-elect Samuel S. Lewis of York.

A half-hour later, Judge James will take the oath of office as Governor of Pennsylvania. Whether the Plymouth jurist will resign from the bench in the interval remains a matter of conjecture.

Since his election as Governor, James has said repeatedly he will not resign from the Superior Court bench until such time as he can name his own successor.

Capitol Prepares To Welcome Record Crowd Next Tuesday

County Will Send 5,000 Persons To James' Inauguration

Pennsylvania's Capitol City began dressing up this week in preparation for the record-breaking crowds which will descend upon the city next Tuesday to see Arthur H. James become 31st Governor of Pennsylvania.

In preparation for the State's return to its traditional Republican moorings, buildings in central city are being decked with bunting, decorations are being strung between street lights and a wooden platform is rising in the Capitol Plaza, scene of

Governor-elect James' eagerly-awaited inaugural address.

At least 5,000 persons from Luzerne County, home of the new Governor, will be in the crowd of 50,000 which will witness the ceremony and the inaugural parade. Special trains will depart from Harrisburg on every railroad out of Wyoming Valley, beginning the night before the inauguration.

The delegation from the Sixth Legislative District, which includes Dallas and surrounding towns, will train at Luzerne at 6:45 a. m. Tuesday. Tickets can be purchased from Ralph Hazeltine, Trucksville; Sam Woolbert, Shavertown; Fred Kiefer,

Dallas Township, or Burgess Herbert Smith, Dallas. No tickets will be sold at the station.

The first event of the inaugural day program will be the induction to office of Lieut.-Gov.-elect Samuel S. Lewis at 11:30. Judge James will take his oath of office at 12. He will ride to the platform (or to the House of Representatives if the weather is unfavorable) in a horse-drawn victoria, purchased by the State in the late nineties for Governor William A. Stone.

James' inaugural address will be delivered immediately after his inauguration. In it he will outline the aims of his Administration.

James' Home Town Will Declare Holiday For Event

Shortly after 12:30 the inaugural parade will move. Besides the large Luzerne County delegation, there will be a representation from Plymouth, where a holiday has been declared for January 17. Plymouth school children and the school band expect to be in the parade.

In the evening, 10,000 persons will attend Inaugural Ball at Zembo Mosque. The special train for local folks will leave Harrisburg at 8 on its return trip.