

POST SCRIPTS

A NEW LINDBERGH COMES HOME

Judging from the meagre publicity which has greeted his return to the United States, the press, which he dislikes so intensely, is taking Col. Charles Augustus Lindbergh at his word. We hope the captious Colonel enjoys his hard-won privacy.

What the future holds for the world's foremost aviator we can only guess. The biggest news since he ventured back on his native soil has been his decision to help the United States prepare for the approaching war, a course which his late father, a leading pacifist in another war-like era, might question.

This new, fretful, suspicious, rude Lindbergh who has come back to us is a strange person. Fame has treated him shabbily and perhaps it placed upon his shoulders a burden greater than he could carry. We can scarcely believe that the irritable, embittered, unpopular exile who came home this week is the same slim young man we interviewed in a railroad Y. M. C. A. one rainy midnight about 10 years ago. If he will permit us, we much prefer to remember him as he was then, not as he became after glory back-fired on him.

We almost didn't meet the Colonel. He was flying to New York and became lost in a fog. He landed in a meadow beside Coxton Yards, and in gliding down across the Susquehanna he narrowly missed a string of telephone wires. That night we had a long list of assignments and so we weren't in the contingent of reporters which went out on the story.

Lindbergh was then America's Public Hero No. 1 and we recall how excited every one was because chance had brought him so near. Everybody had little stories to tell about him. We heard how Lindbergh had just ridden in the cab of a locomotive over the mountain cut-off and been given an ovation by a crowd which gathered to greet him in Wilkes-Barre. Someone told us he had declined an invitation to spend the night in an aristocratic home, preferring to sleep in a modest bedroom at the Coxton Y. M. C. A. Everything he did made another story and the incidents passed from person to person, becoming a part of the Lindbergh saga.

It was late when we went in and most of the Lindbergh story was already in type but the Managing Editor had queries from out-of-town newspapers which wanted coverage. It wasn't a particularly pleasant assignment now, because there was a fine drizzle falling and it meant spending most of the night waiting for Lindbergh's take-off but those things didn't matter when it was suggested that we might be willing to file the stories for the out-of-town papers next morning. We went up to Coxton.

We reached the weather-beaten, smoke-stained Y. M. C. A. just as Lindbergh consented to meet the newspapermen for the second time that evening. There had been an earlier interview and he shook hands pleasantly with those of us who had arrived late. There was a good bit of banter and he seemed to enjoy parrying questions with the reporters. His high-pitched, thin voice surprised us, we remember. Otherwise, he was pretty much as we'd expected, his tow hair ruffled carelessly, his neat, grey suit hanging limply from his lanky frame, like a sail on a windless sea. When he grinned, his smile took up all his face and his eyes laughed, too. You liked him immediately.

All of us chatted for a while and he talked about aviation, shrewdly changing the subject when someone touched on his personal affairs, and then he said good night to us and retired to a narrow bedroom which had a cot, a dresser and a chair as its only furniture. No one else thought of sleeping. We had a lunch, and then we walked down along the river to the spot where the Colonel's plane was being guarded by two State policemen.

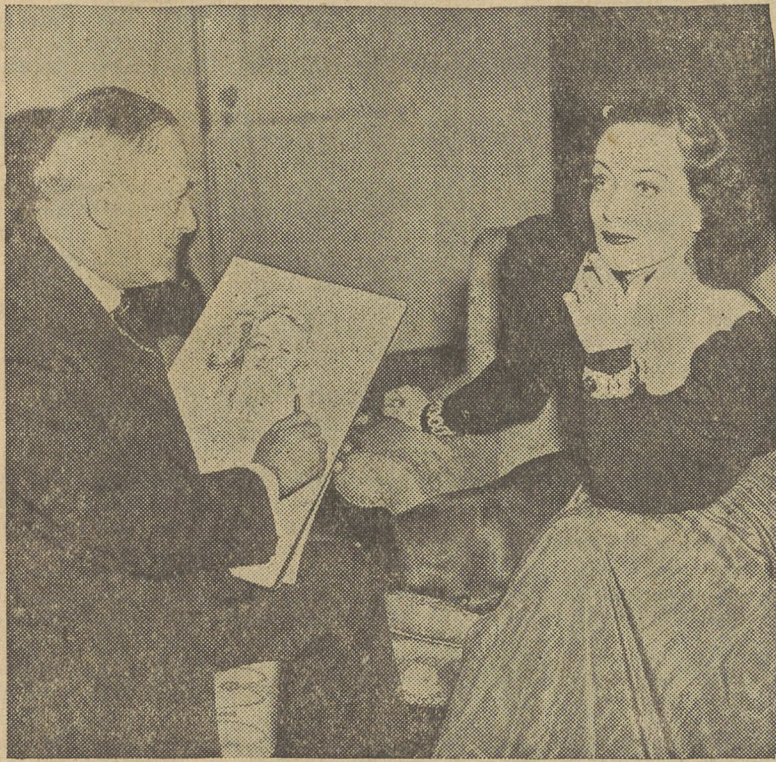
Although it had been announced that he would take off at 7 a. m., Lindbergh had told us he intended to leave at 5, before the crowd grew big enough to be troublesome. Just before the sun melted the light mist which floated above the river, he came to his plane.

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A FAMOUS ACTRESS AND A GREAT ARTIST



Lovely Joan Crawford poses for Leslie Benson, noted portrait painter, during her recent sojourn in New York. Mr. Benson, who is famous for his paintings of glamorous stars from the movie colony, is shown here making preliminary sketches.

Martin Murder Provokes Legislation Aimed At County's 23,000 Abnormals

Tragedy Echoed In State Capitol As Lawmakers Study Bills To Curb Menace Of Sex Criminals

The tragedy of Margaret Martin's unsolved murder echoed through the corridors of the State Capitol building at Harrisburg this week as legislators began studying a tri-partite bill which is a direct result of the shocking evidence of widespread sexual perversion uncovered here in the last few months.

Sponsored by Senator Leo C. Mundy, after police and physicians had appealed for greater protection against the grim menace of the sex criminal, the bill would effect about 23,000 abnormal persons in Luzerne County alone, according to one man who was instrumental in drafting the legislation.

The proposed bills would compel responsible persons to report regularly on the treatment and progress of abnormal persons in their care, would provide punishment for solicitation and molestation and would enable the State to compile a list of known perverts as a matter of confidential record. Advocates of the legislation have high hopes of its prompt passage.

Unknown to most people are the conditions which came to light as a result of the painstaking investigation by police as they sought the trail of Margaret Martin's killer. More than 2,000 cases of perversion alone were uncovered and there are in police files in Northeastern Pennsylvania about 200 unsolved cases of girls who have disappeared in the last 10 years.

Many of the disappearances are laid at the door of the white slave ring which operates between Forest City and Shenandoah.

While Senator Mundy seeks to prevent future sex crimes, State police and county detectives continue their hopeful search for the slayer of Margaret Martin, pretty Kingston Sunday school teacher who was lured to her death last December 17. Although public interest had declined, the investigation plods steadily on. Faced with the staggering volume of suggestions and tips from all over the country and cautious because of the damage already done by an excitable public which has seemed too quick to believe rumors, police have been compelled to work very slowly. Tight-lipped, they say they have never given up hope of solving the crime.

Back Broken When Thrown Off Horse

Robert Westover, Former Resident, Badly Hurt

Robert Westover, 20, son of Mrs. Rachel Westover and a former resident of Dallas, suffered a broken back several days ago when he was thrown from a horse near Waverly, N. Y.

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STATE TO PAVE ANOTHER LINK ON ROUTE 92 THIS YEAR, MOTOR CLUB SAYS

One more concrete link will be paved on Route 92, between Dallas and Tunkhannock, yet this year, according to Norman Johnstone, secretary of Wyoming Valley Motor Club.

The State Highway Department plans to extend the concrete as far as Lutes' Corners, Mr. Johnstone has been assured. Two contracts filled in recent years paved the highway from Tunkhannock to Evans Falls, where the new stretch will begin.

The next link will be about 3 miles in length and work is expected to begin in August.

To Dedicate Church Sunday Afternoon

Evans Falls Methodists Complete New Structure

Under construction for the last five years, the Evans Falls Methodist Episcopal Church will be dedicated on Sunday afternoon at 3, with Rev. George M. Bell, D. D., superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre District, delivering the dedicatory address.

Completion of the church has been delayed repeatedly by the difficulty in raising money. Most of the work has been performed by men of the community, who have contributed their services. For some time worship has been held in the basement of the partially completed structure.

Rev. Thomas F. Kline, who has five churches in his Centremoreland circuit, is pastor of the new church. Among the visiting clergymen, some of them former pastors, will be Rev. Leonard Davis, Rev. James Burchleigh, Rev. Francis Freeman, Rev. Roy Bean and Rev. Guy Leinthal.

Trustees of the new church are Lewis Doll, Harry Doll, and Mrs. Corey M. Rev.

AUXILIARY CARD PARTY

The Nesbitt Memorial Hospital auxiliary will sponsor a card party at St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, Wednesday afternoon at 2. Table prizes and a door prize will be given.

100-DEGREE FEVER NEARLY LOSES FIGHT FOR TOMMY DROPCHINSKI

Even Old Man Grippe couldn't lick Tommy Dropchinski, Lehman High School athlete and amateur boxer, when he went in the ring at 109th F. A. Armory, Kingston, on Tuesday night against hard-hitting Charles Lamoreaux of Wilkes-Barre.

Tommy, who started to fight about a month ago and trains in his father's barn, was nursing a 100-degree fever and a chest cold. His opponent had ten pounds weight advantage, was taller and had a longer reach.

Farmers Forming Local Unions Here To Support Protest

Ready To Carry Battle Against New Milk Rates To Capital Next Week

Farmers who are organizing throughout this section to protest the schedule of prices established recently by the Pennsylvania Milk Control Board are preparing to carry their battle to Harrisburg next week when a joint Senate-House committee will investigate milk regulations.

C. W. Space of Dallas, who was elected a director of the Milk Producers' Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania last Tuesday, and Howard Lansberry of Idetown, who is chairman of the drive to organize Luzerne County farmers, probably will be among the producers who will attend the inquiry.

Within two weeks the Milk Producers' Association expects to have the majority of farmers in this section organized into locals, which will unite producers behind a militant protest against the prices fixed by the Milk Control Board. The farmers charge that the new schedule of prices is unfair to the farmers and allows dealers too much profit.

Opposition has come from dealers, the farmers say, in the form of threats to stop buying from farmers who join the new union.

About 425 farmers, including a number from the Dallas section, attended the organization meeting of the Milk Producers in Scranton on Tuesday. One of the developments at that meeting was the promise that under no circumstances will the farmers go on strike.

Directors were elected as follows: Two-year terms, Herbert Thomas and Edward Decker of Waverly, Ronald Ransom, Nicholson; C. W. Space, Dallas; one-year terms, W. S. Spaulding, Hazleton; Claude Keller, Shickshinny; Ralph Naylor, Factoryville; Leonard Hartneck, Moscow; Morris Northrup, Dalton.

Among the speakers were John York of North Abington, who warned farmers that unless their conditions are bettered young people will move away from rural sections; Charles Skeel of the Dairymen's League, Mr. Space, Mr. Lansberry, who reviewed the situation, and Clarence Dickinson, of the New York bargaining agency for the New York milk shed and who declared that he has known cases where dealers made as much as 108 per cent profit on the lower classifications of milk.

No Funds Now For Luzerne Highway

But Hughes Promises His 'Serious Consideration'

The probability that Main and Bennett Streets, Luzerne will be placed on a list of roads to be constructed early in 1940 with Federal Aid was discussed on Wednesday at a meeting of Luzerne Civic Association, Wyoming Valley Motor Club and Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce.

After discussing the promise made by the State Highway Department last year to pave the Luzerne thoroughfares, it was decided to invite I. Lamont Hughes, secretary of highways, to meet with the committees and with Luzerne Borough council to study the need for improving the two main routes through the borough.

Questioned by The Post this week concerning any promise made to pave the roads, Mr. Hughes insisted that there is nothing in the files of his department to indicate that any promise was made to reconstruct the two streets. The promise, of course, was made by a previous administration.

Although Mr. Hughes claims that there are no funds at the disposal of the highway department now for paving of Main and Bennett Streets, he told The Post that the department would be inclined to give "very serious consideration" to the improvements of the two streets when funds are available if Luzerne Borough will give assurance that the street car right-of-way will be reconstructed at no expense to the State.

TWO MAIN STREET STORES WILL EXCHANGE QUARTERS; ACME SUPER MARKET HERE

The large storeroom on Main Street occupied by the B. & B. Hardware Co. will be leased by the American Stores next week and a new super market will be opened there about May 1.

Arthur Brown will move his hardware store into the building which will be vacated by the American Store. He expects to begin moving Monday or Tuesday and the American Store will begin installing its new equipment immediately.

May Finish School Ahead Of Schedule

Spring Spurs Work On Lehman's \$100,000 Plant

Prospects for finishing the new Lehman High School building ahead of schedule became brighter this week as the change in weather conditions permitted increased building activities.

Warmer temperatures allowed workmen to begin the construction of the main wall of the structure and when the weather clears sufficiently, a cement base for the first floor of the new school building will be laid.

Four workers from the bricklayers' local of Wilkes-Barre began to lay the wall tile on the recently completed concrete foundations Wednesday afternoon. Within two weeks eight more brick layers will be employed to lay a brick facing on the tile, according to James Cosgrove, business manager of the union.

Forms for the four-inch cement floor base have been built and the base will be poured when the first clear weather comes. Aside from the ceiling of the furnace and plumbing rooms, the floor will be laid on a four-foot cinder fill. When the cement for the first floor is poured, 12 additional laborers will be employed from the Lehman area.

To Expand Curriculum The increased facilities afforded by the new building will allow the addition of three new subjects to the curriculum, commercial studies, domestic science and art. The plans also call for a large library and an adequate music studio.

The new high school will have fifteen room units, as compared with seven in the old frame building. On the first floor will be a home economics laboratory, a farm mechanics shop, an agriculture room, three other class rooms, a teacher's rest room, a roomy office and conference room, and two toilets. A science laboratory, a large commercial room, an art room and a music studio, a large library, two classrooms and two toilets will make up the second floor of the building. Average room size will be 22 by 30 feet.

The \$10,000 allocation sought by the school board after the bond issue had been sold has been remitted, bringing total funds on hand to \$80,000. Two other appropriations of \$10,000 each will be received from the PWA administration at Harrisburg before the structure is completed.

From all indications, the new school will be ready for occupancy by September 15, the beginning of the fall term. Rosen & Co., general contractors, completed a similar building in Daleville, Lackawanna County, in less than scheduled time just before they contracted for the Lehman school. Charles Webb, superintendent of the Lehman project, is well satisfied with progress.

School For Drivers Being Organized

Students Can Register For Five-Week Course

Classes for persons from the Dallas section are being organized by the Wyoming Valley Safety Driving School and registrations are to be made at the showroom in James Olivers' garage, Main Street, on Monday night between 6:30 and 8:30.

The course will cover five weeks, including two and one-half weeks of classroom instruction and two and one-half weeks of road instruction. The school will supply the cars for road instruction and a small fee will be charged to pay for operation.

There will be choice of three class periods: 10 a. m. to 12 noon, 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. and 6 p. m. to 8 p. m. Wyoming Valley Motor Club is co-operating in the conduct of the school.

Lundy Warns Delinquents He Will File Liens

Herbert A. Lundy, tax collector for Dallas Township, issued a warning this week that he must file liens against delinquent property taxpayers who have not paid by May 1. He urged that persons who have not paid their property taxes do so immediately to avoid the penalty and interest charges.

Consumers Await Commission's View Of Water Shortage

Public Ownership Study Delayed Pending Outcome Of Formal Complaint

The committee which has been investigating the possibility of solving Dallas's water problem by building a municipal plant decided this week to postpone further investigation pending the outcome of the hearing to be held before the Public Utility Commission at Wilkes-Barre next Thursday.

Making it plain that their attitude does not mean that they have abandoned their study of publicly-owned plants, the consumers explained that their decision was made to permit concentration upon the formal complaints which have been filed with the Public Utility Commission and which will be aired at next week's hearing.

"We are concerned only with the need for securing adequate water service," said Henry Disque, "and how we reach that goal is of secondary interest. If the company has a fair and reasonable solution, the consumers will hail it joyfully. If the hearings do not produce a solution, we shall still have time to chart our course."

The hearing to be held at the court house next Thursday morning is the outcome of complaints made last November. An informal complaint was filed then by a group of sixty consumers. Several months later Dallas Borough Council filed a formal complaint. Consumers who have suffered from frequent interruptions of water service are expected to be at the court house next Thursday.

Craig Explains Problems

Robert H. Craig of Harrisburg, general manager of Dallas Water Co., conferred with members of Dallas Borough Council last Friday night and explained the problems confronting the local utility, which has frankly admitted the inadequacy of its service to consumers in the higher sections of town.

Mr. Craig had no definite program to present, but he discussed some of the improvements the company has considered because of the scheduled hearing, he avoided going into too much detail about the course the utility will follow in defending itself before the Commission, but he volunteered considerable information.

The conference, which lasted about one and one-half hours, was attended by Mr. Craig, Leslie Warhola, local manager of the company; William Davis, John Durbin, James Franklin and Morgan Wilcox, all councilmen, John T. Jeter, borough engineer, and Attorney Arthur Turner, borough solicitor.

PTA To Honor Band And Athletes Next Thursday

Members of Dallas Borough High School girls' and boys' athletic teams and the school band will be feted by the Parent-Teachers Association at a dinner next Thursday night at 6 in the high school. Speakers will be Steven Emanuel and Agnes Berry of Wilkes-Barre. Clyde Lapp will be toastmaster.

The public is invited to attend. Reservations can be made by telephoning Mrs. Lewis LeGrand. The PTA will not solicit donations this year, as in the past, but will finance the dinner through the sale of tickets.

Mrs. Leon Kintz will be general chairman and her co-chairmen will be Mrs. R. J. W. Templin and Mrs. Charles Stookey. Other committees: Kitchen, Mrs. Winifred Thomas, Mrs. Ralph Brown, Mrs. Laverne Race, Mrs. Edwin Nelson, Mrs. Clyde Veitch, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Harley Misson, Mrs. Earl Monk, Mrs. Thomas Carkhuff; dining room and decorations, Mrs. Harvey McCarty, Mrs. Lillian Kuehn; tables, Mrs. Elwood McCarty, Mrs. Florence Phillips, Mrs. David Brace, Mrs. Arthur Franklin, Mrs. M. J. Brown, Mrs. Jack Hazletine.

R. L. Hallock, music supervisor, and the band will have charge of the musical program. Mrs. Louise Colwell will lead the singing.

JOSEPH H. MACVEIGH WINS TWO PROMINENT POSTS IN CITY ON SAME AFTERNOON

A Dallas man was elected president of one prominent Wilkes-Barre organization, and director of another, all in one afternoon this week.

Joseph H. MacVeigh of Center Hill Road, vice-president of the Pressed Steel Company, was nominated president of the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club at a luncheon Tuesday, and later that afternoon was made a director of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce to fill one of nine vacancies on the board.