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DAD'S DAY
MILK
AND
BOOKS

Sunday's Dad's Day . . . to carry up the coal, read the Sunday paper, talk about politics and see that the family's got change for the church collection plate . . . just like any other Sunday to the old man. He doesn't want anymore of those pink neckties like he got last year and he kinda dodges away when one of the girls kisses him behind the ear. He doesn't hanker for all this messin' around . . . and yet he kinda likes it. Darned if he doesn't like those silk pajamas things but he'll never wear them . . . not 'til Sunday night. He doesn't claim any special credit for bringing up the family and seeing that they all got shoes, something to eat, and an automobile to go to the movies in. The old man's seen some tough days in his life . . . and at this late date and age it's no time to be getting sentimental . . . not when a man can still plug along and do as good a day's work as he ever did. Now sickness and old age that's another thing. But who's sick and who's old around here? Not the old man, no sirree. And so most of us who think he's still a pretty good egg, though a little crotchety about Father's Day, will try to pay our respects to him on Father's Day by showing him in our everyday life and actions that we're trying more and more to be like the old man . . .

We have been repeatedly aiming to write something about the fix the dairy farmer is in. If he is subject to the same taxes, regulation and governmental "assistance" that the rest of us are getting who are trying to provide a few jobs and scrape out an honest living, he can understand why we haven't had the time to study his problems thoroughly enough to write a sound editorial. We've got a vague idea, however, of what he's up against. And it looks to us as though his problem is distribution—plus more "government assistance."

The dairyman, and the kid in the slums that needs good-bone building milk and can't get it, have a common problem. And that problem centers around the clog in the line between the farmer and the kid. It isn't overproduction and it isn't underconsumption and the guys that are causing the plug in the line are the same guys that are getting the cream that we used to get—and also the gravy.

Everytime we hear some fellow yapping about the salaries paid school teachers, cost of running Dallas schools, and cutting budgets and frills out of education, we'd like to ask him one question about school economy. Did he ever pick up his own kid's school book and see what kind of treatment it was getting from his progeny? Right there is one big item in the cost of education that he can pretty much control. School books cost good hard American tax dollars and the average school book gets about the same treatment as last week's American Store circular after the kids have hurled them across the dining room table, the baby has played with them or the old lady has spilled the dish water on them.

DOROTHY JAMES HONORED

Miss Dorothy James, daughter of Governor James, will crown the Queen of Pocono Mountain Laurel Blossom Festival, Miss Muriel Dodd, Jersey City school teacher, Saturday. Miss James and her party will be guests at a luncheon and reception Saturday noon and will stay over for the coronation ceremony which follows the annual reunion dinner Saturday evening.

REQUEST PRINGLE COUNCIL TO HALT CEMETERY INCREASE

Facing further devaluation of Pringle Borough property, taxpayers requested Council this week to take action against the increase in size of St. Ignatius Cemetery.

Some time ago the property adjoining the cemetery was given the parish by Kingston Coal Company officials for a "park" fronting on Hoyt Street.

No objection was raised by property owners living near the cemetery when the land was deeded over for the formation of a park. Later developments, however, indicate that the "park" is to be incorporated into a cemetery. A fence is to be built around the new land, and the cemetery gates have been taken down and will be moved to front on Hoyt Street.

Permission has never been given cemetery owners in Pringle by Council to front on any thorough-

Sixty-One Seniors Given Diplomas At Graduation

Dr. Grafflin Tells Class To Seek Finer Living

In an address, "Six Points Living in a Three-Way World," Dr. Samuel W. Grafflin told the graduating class of Kingston Township High School that it was better to seek a finer manner of living than wealth in Commencement exercises in the school auditorium Tuesday night.

Among other suggestions, addressing both the seniors and the audience, Dr. Grafflin emphasized the importance of proper relations between God and the individual, of healthy minds and bodies, of service towards others, in one of the finest Commencement speeches ever given in this section.

Diplomas were awarded to 61 graduating pupils by John Earl, president of the school board. Miss Dorothy Staub, valedictorian of the class, spoke on the World of Tomorrow, and Lawrence M. Isaacs, salutatorian, chose for his topic, "Rowing, not Drifting."

Dorothy Staub was awarded the College Misericordia scholarship by Prof. T. A. Martin, supervising principal of Kingston Township schools, who also presented the Class of '39 to Mr. Earl. Robert Fritzes was given the \$10 Alumni Association award for the best athletic record by Howard Isaacs, president of the organization.

The processional, played by the school orchestra, began the program. Invocation and benediction were given by Rev. Harry M. Savacool, pastor of Truckville M. E. Church. Both the students and parents sang the Alma Mater as a fitting end to the Commencement ceremonies.

WHAT'S NEW? AND WHAT OF IT?

By JAVIE AICHE

It's all of three months now since Stella Petroski, among half a hundred applicants, achieved the most credits in passing the test on which Federal examiners determine the issuance of "first papers." So avid had been her interest in the Declaration of Independence, she could recite it word for word; and what was wonderful about that was not so much the feat of memory, but rather the inflections in her voice, the light in her eyes, when the most affirmative and declarative passages were reached.

More, too; Stella Petroski could sketch the Constitution of the United States, interpret the Bill of Rights, name the occasions for which were adopted the most important of the twenty-two amendments of fundamental law. You couldn't help notice her when she stood beside the examiners' desk, because there was an aura of eagerness about her, an impatience to be ahead with flying colors.

But, it is doubtful if Stella Petroski is going to be admitted. The certificate that finally would afford her the right to live for America and enjoy the privileges of suffrage may be withheld. It really isn't so much the right to live that Stella wants, unless you consider it as an award by proxy. She is, indeed, interested in caring for the five youngsters who share her home, but if you question the lady you discover that she is one with Patrick Henry and ever so many others who

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LEADING LADY WITH LAKE PLAYERS



ROSCELLA LIGHTNER
Leading Lady

Roscella Lightner, whose accomplished work has won her stage and radio success, is one of the most popular members of the Manhattan Players appearing at Harvey's Lake Theatre this summer.

Citizens Urge State To Pave Dallas-Lutes' Corners Road

Survey Promised At Harrisburg Conference

In an effort to have the State pave eight miles of unfinished highway between Dallas and Lutes' Corners, Wyoming County Commissioners and a group of Monroe County citizens recently had a conference with I. Lamont Hughes, Secretary of Highways, at Harrisburg and got assurance that he would have State engineers go over the road to determine what can be done this year.

The group also had conferences with Charles Terry, member of the Legislature from Wyoming County and Senator Frederick T. Gelder of the 23rd District. They also met John MacGuffie, Luzerne County Commissioner who assured them that Luzerne County would cooperate in every way to make the road a reality.

While Mr. Hughes would make no definite promises nor commit himself in any way regarding the road, there is considerable ground for belief that something definite will be done this year. Not the least of these was the comment this week of Norman Johnstone, Secretary of Wyoming Valley Motor Club, that he believes a part of the highway will be paved this year and that the club is bending every effort to have the road put on the State program for construction. The eight mile stretch, about four miles in Wyoming County and four in Luzerne, is the final link in a completely paved highway from Wilkes-Barre to Tunkhannock by way of Dallas. The section between Tunkhannock and Evans Falls was completed some time ago and work will be started this week on the section between Evans Falls and Lutes' Corners. Completion of the Luzerne road next month is another reason for belief that the State will not permit the Dallas-Lutes' Corners section to go unpaved for long.

Those who met Mr. Hughes were: C. W. Smith, Charles Clark, Paul Nulton and Norman Frantz of Monroe township and the following men from the County Commissioners' office in Tunkhannock: Cye Tyler, Gilbert Stonier, Cecil Casson and County Chairman Cecil Ball.

Dairymen Will Visit Experimental Farm

A number of dairymen from Dallas and vicinity will tour the northern New Jersey Experimental Station near Branchville above Stroudsburg on Thursday, June 22 with a group from Columbia County. They will see an outstanding herd of Guernsey and Holstein cows, an ideal set-up for growing cows, grass silage being made and the results of feeding grass silage. At the experimental station R. H. Olmstead and Fred V. Grau of Penn State College will conduct the group over the grounds.

COPS HAVE STOP WATCHES

Now the Luzerne cops have stop-watches to aid them in the current anti-speeding drive. They used their first Wednesday night.

Lake Philanthropist Honored By Bucknell

Daniel C. Roberts of Harvey's Lake and Wilkes-Barre was declared "Bucknell University's Man of the Year" at Commencement exercises Monday in Lewisburg. "You have been an outstanding leader in Bucknell's destiny," declared President Arnaud C. Marts in introducing Mr. Roberts, and citing his benefactions to the school during the past year. They included contributions to the engineering building, debt reduction, junior college and new library funds.

Mr. Roberts' gifts in Wyoming Valley have been many and include among others, Daniel C. Roberts building at Harvey's Lake, and large contributions to First Baptist Church of Wilkes-Barre, Franklin Club of Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming Seminary.

Former Dallas Councilman Buried Monday

Joseph Rood Was Early Trolley Conductor

The funeral of Joseph M. Rood, aged 83, who died Friday morning following an illness of complications, was held Monday from the late home in Dallas with services in charge of Rev. Francis Freeman. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

With the death of "Joe" Rood, Dallas lost one of its oldest residents and the community lost a colorful figure. Born 83 years ago last April in Ross Township, he had spent his entire lifetime in this vicinity. Two years ago on October 25, 1937, he and Mrs. Rood, who preceded him in death eleven months ago, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with an open house to a large gathering of friends and relatives. His brother S. S. Rood died four months ago. With all of his near relatives dead, Mr. Rood continued to live in the old home on Main Street with his wife's niece, Mrs. Stella Whitebread, as his housekeeper.

"Joe" Rood was one of the early conductors on the trolley line from Luzerne to Dallas. In the days when he took up the tickets, cars were run from Wilkes-Barre to the white mill in Luzerne. There a wood-burning locomotive with wide flanged smokestack hooked on to the car which was subsequently hauled to Dallas. For many years, Mr. Rood and the late Harry Runyon made up the crew of the strange looking predecessor of the electric trolley in this region.

From the time of his boyhood he was a member of the Pike's Creek Drum Corps and until recently was the drummer whenever the corps made its appearance on Memorial Day or the Fourth of July. The roll of his drums as he practiced at home is remembered well by many of his neighbors.

For a number of years Mr. Rood served as councilman of Dallas borough until increasing age and lameness prevented his leaving the house except for short distances or motor rides to the old homestead in Ross township where he and Mrs. Rood used to spend a large part of their summers.

Pall bearers at the funeral were old neighbors and relatives, R. Harold Rood, Harry E. Howell, Albert Mission, Peter Roushey, Russell Shaver and William Franklin.

Local Rains Fail To Bring Needed Relief

Local showers in widely separated sections brought some relief this week to farmers and gardeners whose crops are suffering from the prolonged dry weather. But for the most part rains have not been sufficient to do much good. Much of the finest hay and pasture land has been badly damaged. Cattle have been removed from the pastures in some sections and the grass seems dormant. Many lawns have been burned to the point where they will not recover this season even with needed rains.

Speed Laws To Be Enforced At Lake

A 35-mile speed limit will be maintained at Harvey's Lake this summer. Warning signs will be placed at eighth-of-a-mile intervals; "Stop," "Slow" and "Caution" signs will be erected at road intersections and danger points; undergrowth will be cleared to permit better vision, and constant patrolling of the driving zone by Pennsylvania Motor Police in cooperation with Harvey's Lake police will be a few of the means for promoting safe driving. "Violators will pay fines or go to jail" is the warning issued by Chief Ira Stevenson of the Lake police force.

German Alien Secretly Quits America To Live Under Swastika

Mike Fieger Departs With Family And U. S. Dollars

Two Motors Burn Out On New Well Water Company Will Erect New Work Shop

Two ten-horse-power motors on a temporary pump were burned out this week when Dallas Water Company attempted to check the flow on its new 365-foot deep well on Center Hill Road. Creswell Drilling Company stopped drilling operations early in the week when it struck a heavy flow of water at the 365 foot level and since that time has been attempting to pump out the well to determine what size pumping equipment will be required.

The burning out of the motors because of poor electrical hook-up will temporarily delay this work although it is hoped to have a temporary pump installed some time today. When this work is completed Dallas Water Company will erect a new concrete block pump house, garage and work shop over the well. Soon thereafter the largest pump operated by the company will be installed and connections will be made with the new 8-inch water mains which are being laid along Terrace Street and Machell Avenue. A crew of eight men was at work this week laying the main and it is expected that this work will continue until the early part of June.

Charter Members Light Cake

Colorful Ceremony Climaxes Church Anniversary

Fiftieth anniversary activities of the congregation of the Dallas M. E. Church were climaxed Friday night when a giant birthday cake was cut with a special program commemorative of fifty years of service. The twenty-seven pound cake, gift of Mrs. Rebecca Monk, was decorated with more than fifty lighted candles. Symbolic was the lighting of smaller candles from one large white center taper, representative of Christ. From this central candle four charter members of the congregation, Mrs. Amanda Yaple, Miss Flora Brown, Mrs. Rebecca Monk and Mrs. C. A. Frantz, lighted four other tapers on the cake. Then from these four candles the other members of the congregation lighted the other candles. At the conclusion of this ceremony, Mrs. Monk cut a piece of the cake for Mrs. Stroud, another charter member who is a shut-in, and Miss Brown cut a piece for Mrs. Marie L. Phillips, likewise a shut-in.

Letters from three former pastors, Rev. Joshua Brundley, Rev. William S. Crandall, and Rev. Wilson S. Trieble, and greetings from Rev. Joseph Pennell and Rev. Judson Bailey, were read to the gathering by Rev. Francis Freeman. Rev. C. Duane Butler brought greetings to the congregation from Lehman M. E. Church.

Rev. Freeman outlined the history of Methodism in the Dallas region, from its early activities 123 years ago, through its meetings in homes, log school houses, Goss school house and Sunset Hall. Sunset Hall was the first church owned by the congregation and was built at a total outlay of \$950. An interesting incident was the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Podmore at the Sunday services during anniversary week. Mr. Podmore designed the present church more than fifty

PROGRESS REPORTED ON MAIN-BENNETT RESURFACE

The resurfacing of Main and Bennett Streets by the Commonwealth, sought by committees of the Luzerne Civic Association and Council since work was begun on the Luzerne by-pass last fall, will be brought one step closer Monday when three borough officials confer with the district state engineer in Scranton.

Atty. Henry Greenwald, borough solicitor, Councilman Conrad Ahrends, chairman of the finance committee, and borough engineer Robert Williams will meet with H. L. Herber, state engineer for the 12th district, at Scranton to discuss possibilities of immediate arrangements for the improvement of the two thoroughfares.

It is believed that the project will be held up until the by-pass has been completed, in order to avoid any further complications of the acute traffic problem in Luzerne.

Work on the \$250,000 borough-wide project will begin a week from Monday, according to District WPA engineer Flannagan, who, together

Household possessions, his business and friends left behind without so much as an auf wiedersehen, Michael Fieger, his American born wife and two children, surreptitiously left Hillside last Wednesday night to return to the land of his birth, Germany. With him he is supposed to have taken \$15,000 in American money and the curses of creditors whose misplaced confidence had permitted him to secure large sums of credit.

Until his hurried departure it was supposed that Mike owned Hillside Tire Service, the white house next door, other real estate and the big quantity of automobile tires and auto accessories which he carried in stock. Three days after his departure it was revealed that he owned none of the real estate but that it had been sold some years ago to W. D. Roberts of Kingston. Even at that time he owned only the buildings erected thereon and had an option on the ground.

On the assumption that he owned the property, and on evidence presented in his financial statements, wholesalers and manufacturers had extended him credit in large amounts and had placed carloads of automobile tires in his stock on consignment. It was not until Saturday that many of these creditors learned that the alien German American had left for his homeland. Monday Lee Tire and Rubber Company, one of the biggest creditors, backed a truck up to the front door and removed what was left of a large stock of tires they had committed him to have on consignment, a fraction of the money that company.

All of this was part of a related plan to garner in as many American dollars as possible. Most of the German's money was deposited, not in local banks, but in the German bank in New York City. Other large sums of cash had been in a tin can behind a stack of tires in his cellar. Cash can be converted into German marks and an American dollar will buy plenty of them.

Mike Fieger was an alien and a Nazi always at heart. He entered this country from Mexico, having worked his way across the Atlantic more than fifteen years ago on a German freighter to South America. There he was involved in several business in South American seaport towns. Working his way toward Mexico he finally arrived in New York City where he became a cook. Later he came to Wyoming Valley where he worked in the mines and married an American girl of German parentage, and moved to Hillside where he engaged in the Hillside Tire Service.

During recent months, and especially during the Munich incident, he had become more and more pronounced in his pro-German sympathies and would start a heated argument at a casual remark from a customer. So frequent was this that many said it would effect his business. And one customer not to be shouted down in argument, asked, "If you think so d— much of Hitler, why don't you go back and live with him?" Fieger had no use for Jews and reading Father Coughlin's "Social Justice" was a part of his daily routine.

Mike's broad grin, his German dialect and slack trousers made him an appealing character whose few would suspect or dislike—except for his German leanings and calculated business deals. His apparent concern and nervous desire to pay little bills and secure more business were disarming to those about to extend him credit. He was considered a

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with three councilmen and the borough engineer, reviewed the project here Wednesday.

The WPA official, accompanied by councilmen Con Boyle, Eugene Brennan and Conrad Ahrends, investigated conditions on Walnut, Hughes and Bennett Streets and other points in the large-scale street improvement project Wednesday morning in order to make final arrangements for the program.

A considerable outlay for tools and materials will be necessitated before the project can get underway, but these will be purchased and ready for use by the end of next week, said Ahrends.