

# FROM PILLAR TO POST

By Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks, Jr.

It is as impossible to hold a private fire as to hold a private parade. From the moment the siren sounds and the hook and ladder truck rounds the corner, your lawn is everybody's lawn. Perfect strangers trample the prize tomatoes and peer with interest through the dining room windows. Small boys, the remnants of their lunch stuffed hastily into squirrel cheeks, follow pantingly on foot or on their bikes in the wake of the apparatus. Housewives desert the oil-mop, gather up the small fry one under each arm, and congregate for a sociable half-hour.

The victim reacts according to innate character. Last year a most enjoyable gathering of the clans was held in Park Place, with the entire neighborhood flocking to the Sign of the Blazing Shingles, and Laska and Peter doing their hospitable best to make the visitors feel at home.

The latest fire in Park Place occurred today shortly after high noon, and it chanced to be located in the house next door to the one the Yurchaks formerly occupied. As usual, Park Place in its entirety turned out to cheer on the volunteer firemen and exchange the customary load of gossip. The smoke that came pouring from the cellar windows thinned perceptibly practically at once, the blocked chimney was speedily opened, no property was being destroyed, no damage to furnishings by water, no lives endangered. In short, it was a fire that anybody could enjoy with a clear conscience, a timely diversion on a dull day.

Little boys watched enthralled while the hook and ladder truck roared up to the curb, its glistening red length pulsing with power. A section of the ladder reared itself against a porch roof as volunteer firemen appeared from thin air, shedding their coats as they ran. Two firemen climbed the ladder and erected another section against the chimney. A solitary fireman climbed the second ladder and peered into Stygian depths of

the chimney. All the little boys, mouths agape, breathed gustily, "When I grow up, I'm gonna be a fireman."

The front door opened and the lady of the house appeared. She was an elderly woman, and she wore the expression which is ordinarily the outward sign of having been caught with the breakfast dishes unwashed at noon, or of having been intruded upon when snatching a modest snack at the kitchen table instead of while conventionally seated at the dining room table. I have heard of a woman, a pillar of the church at that, who never recovered from the shock of having been seen drinking out of the cream pitcher by the governor of the state. There was another sad instance of a woman who developed a distinct mental ailment from having had a neighbor drop in while she was salvaging half a dozen blueberry muffins from the kitchen floor.

The hostess viewed the assembled neighbors with a frosty eye, then fixed one innocent bystander with a baleful glare.

Then she queried, in carrying tones, "Why don't you go on home? I should think you could see you are only in the way, and that there is nothing you can do to help."

That is a question which everybody has wanted to ask at least a thousand times. It frequently takes quite heroic repression not to ask it.

Why do people, run to fires? Well, they run to fires because there is an inherent excitement in any-

## John P. Murphy Death's Victim Goss Manor Man Is Buried Wednesday

The funeral of John P. Murphy of Saginaw avenue, Goss Manor, who died Monday afternoon at 4 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital after five days illness, was held Wednesday morning from a funeral home in Wilkes-Barre, with a solemn high mass of requiem in St. Theresa's Church, Shavertown, at 9. Rev. John O'Leary officiated.

Mr. Murphy, although only 26 years old, was one of this area's outstanding businessmen. Pennsylvania sales representative for the Shaeffer Pen Company, he was a member of Wyoming Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce, director of United States Junior Chamber of Commerce and served as chairman of the Pennsylvania Extension Committee of the state organization.

He was a member of St. Theresa's Church and its Holy Name Society, Dallas Kiwanis Club, National Fraternity of Delta Sigma Phi and the Sphinx Honorary Society.

Born in Belmar, N. J., he became an orphan at the age of five and was brought up by an aunt in Asbury Park, where he attended high school. He became connected with the Shaeffer Company, following his graduation from Rider College, Trenton, in 1939, and advanced rapidly. For the past five years he lived in Truicksville and Dallas with his wife, the former Mabel Reeves of Riverhead, L. I., and their two small children, William and Patricia Diane.

His even, pleasant disposition made him extremely popular but with all his outside activities, his greatest interest was in his family.

Surviving besides his wife and children is a brother, Sgt. Thomas Murphy of Monmouth, N. J.

Pallbearers were Harold Flack, Fred Woolbert, Howard Isaacs, Sherman Harter, James Lenahan and Herbert Lundy. Howard Isaacs accompanied the family to Long Island.

Burial was Wednesday afternoon in St. John's Cemetery Riverhead, L. I.

## Mary A. Bond Dies At Lehman Funeral Services Are Held Sunday Afternoon

The funeral of Mary A. Bond, 70, who died at her home in Lehman last Thursday night, August 30, was held Sunday afternoon from the home of her brother, George Bond, with services in charge of Rev. Frank K. Abbott, pastor of Lehman Methodist Church.

Miss Bond was born in Wilkes-Barre June 6, 1875. For the past 40 years she had made her home in Lehman, living next door to her brother. She had been in poor health for some time; her sister, Sarah E. Bond, was caring for her at the time of her death.

The only survivors are her sister and brother.

Burial was in Lehman Cemetery.

## Free Admission To Service Folk Bloom Fair To Have Big Grange Show

A Grange Show with hundreds of dollars in cash awards and two horse and mule pulling contests with \$550 in prizes are just a couple of the multiple features planned for Bloomsburg's ninety-first and "Victory Fair" which will be staged day and night the week of September 24 on Pennsylvania's largest fair grounds.

In recognition of the outstanding work of the armed services the fair will admit any man or woman free to the grounds who is in uniform.

The horse and mule pulling contests are staged in the large judging arena on the west end of the grounds, with the Columbia county events on Tuesday morning, September 25, and the open events on Friday, September 28. There are two classes in the county events with prizes of \$200 and three in the open event with total awards of \$250.

The Grange show, always a highlight of the Bloomsburg Fair, will be staged in the agriculture building on the promenade. The awards are \$80, \$70, \$60, \$55 and \$45 and any Grange showing is sure of at least \$35.

A half million dollar plant is being made ready for the record breaking crowds. All of the frame buildings have been repainted as has the huge grandstand which is expected to accommodate record-breaking crowds for the four day harness and running race meeting of Tuesday, through Friday, September 25-28 and the afternoon climaxing feature of Saturday, September 29, when championship automobile races and a full two-hour auto thrill will be in the same presentation.

The night show, opening Monday evening, September 24, is the most elaborate Bloomsburg has ever presented. "Freedom Song" is especially created for this "Victory Fair" and contains five distinctive numbers. There are numerous specialty artists who are supported by a pretty, well trained and beautifully costumed chorus. Eight acts of vaudeville are presented each afternoon with the races and each evening with the revue.

**LEHMAN CANNERY**  
Lehman Cannery will be open all day Saturday, September 8 starting at 9 o'clock, Wednesday evening September 12 starting at 7 o'clock and all day Saturday, September 15, starting at 9 o'clock.

## Healy Wins Award

With the 100th Division of the Seventh Army in Germany.—In ceremonies held during the past month, the 100th Division has made a total of 159 awards to Pennsylvania men for their action during the division's tough campaigns in France, Alsace and Germany, prior to V-E Day. Among these men is Sgt. James Healy of Parrish street, Dallas.

The Century Division received its first rest in seven months of continuous front line fighting when the unconditional surrender of Germany was announced.

The 100th is the famous American Division which during its campaigns across France, Alsace, and deep into southern Germany, captured, among other places, the important German bastions at Bitche, France; and Heilbrunn and Stuttgart, Germany. Bitche, strongest point on the entire Maginot Line, fell to the Century Division for the first time in its 200-year history after a three month siege last winter.

## Mrs. Conyngham Gives \$5,000 to Lehman Firemen

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chassis purchased by the company and its fire fighting facilities are among the best to be found in any rural area of the State.

Leading citizens of the community have got behind the enterprise and within a matter of months have built up an efficient, well-managed organization. This winter the company plans to conduct a fire school under the leadership of Schyler Kase, president of North Eastern Pennsylvania Volunteer Firemen's Association, to train everyone of its members as efficient scientific firemen.

Members of the Executive Council are: H. L. Hendricks, president; Harry Edwards, vice president; W. E. Chamberlain, secretary; Charles Nuss, treasurer; Rev. Frank K. Abbott, L. E. Beisel, Stanley Culp, Arthur Ehret, Harry Howell, Leonard Ide, Lewis Ide, Joseph Ide, Loren Keller, Cory Major, Alfred Rice, S. W. Rhoads, Robert Scott, Howard Stull, Lansford Sutton, Alex Tough and William Valentine.

## Perrego Family Hold Reunion On Labor Day

The Perrego family held their annual reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Perrego at Huntsville on Labor Day. Games were played and enjoyed by all. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Perrego and son Robert of Arlington, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Dane Dimmick, Paul and Alice of Bainbridge, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stephens, Bobby and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. James Stephens, Caroline, Ralph and Sammy, all of Vestal, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Averett of Johnson City, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers, Mrs. William Berry, Barbara and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chappell, Connie and Walter, all of Truicksville; Mr. and Mrs. Orval Averett, Lois and Jimmy, of Shavertown; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Perrego and son Donald of Huntsville.

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thing out of the ordinary. Nobody wants to see a house in flaming ruins or a family made homeless, but if this awesome spectacle is in the cards, it is well to be on hand. It is the same feeling which makes people line the riverbank when the Susquehanna is nearing the flood level. The traffic situation would not be so acute if everybody stayed home and waited alongside the radio for possible news of the breaking of the dike.

Some folks take their domestic crises hard, some take them in their stride.

## One Hundred Twenty-Six Attend Kocher Reunion

The thirty-sixth annual reunion of the Kocher families was held at Glenbrook Community Park Sunday, September 2. One hundred twenty-six persons registered in connection with the John R. Kocher, the Tom R. Kocher and the Jonathan Kocher families.

The following officers took charge: Edward Kocher, Truicksville, president; Viola Boothe, Dallas, secretary; Verne Kitchen, Alderson, treasurer.

Rev. Ira Button, Sweet Valley, gave an interesting talk and offered prayer. All joined in singing the closing song, "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

Next year's reunion will be held at the same place the first Saturday in August.

**What Is Legal Liability?**

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