

# More Than Million Persons Visit Valley Forge Park Every Year

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Blizzard winds swept down over the gaunt, threadbare army of marching men. Worn, tattered clothing offered little resistance to the lashing winds.

Staggering over frozen ridges, scarcely remembering when they had last been warm and well fed; bare foot steps faltering in the ice crusted snow, they marched on.

Here one fell by the side, there another. Not all were able to buck the imposing odds of ice, snow and starvation with no promised respite from pain. Muskets shifted painfully from one frozen hand to the other.

They halted temporarily atop the ridge, searching with dim, pale eyes the four remaining miles to their goal. Hopelessly tired they forged on, leaving a trail of bloody foot-prints in the one memorable march of all times.

That was of a bleak, freezing evening in the year 1777 and the Continental Army under the command of General George Washington, entered the new winter encampment, Valley Forge.

This did not offer an immediate alleviation to their inhuman suffering, but by Christmas Eve they were housed in hastily but well constructed log cabins. To commemorate and perpetuate the inspiring record of courage shown by the Continental Army in this march and through the succeeding months of that winter, the historic shrine is being maintained and preserved by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The original camp ground, nationally known as VALLEY FORGE PARK, is situated mostly in Montgomery County and is administered by the Valley Forge Park Commission.

It was on these sacred acres Washington's vision established our Country's first intensive training camp. Here the patient, careful and persevering labor of the first Drillmaster, von Steuben, the ceaseless efforts of Morgan the Commissary and the over-all determination of the Commander-in-Chief, bore fruit.

Faithful men were trained physically, equipped materially and fortified spiritually for victorious battle.

With the coming of Spring, the Army began to reconnoiter the surrounding country. Immediately upon hearing of the British evacuation of Philadelphia, detachments from Valley Forge entered that city; the main body with Washington in command, moved over Sullivan's Bridge June 18-19, 1778, flanked the British in New Jersey, dealt the enemy a vigorous blow at Monmouth and went on to complete victory.

From the terrible winter at Valley Forge, in which the accumulated evils of Congressional mismanagement nearly destroyed the Army, it came forth, nevertheless, stronger in organization and bolder in spirit than ever before.

Washington's position at Valley Forge had held the British in check through the winter. There he equipped, trained and disciplined his men into a formidable fighting legion, as was proved from that time on. The ordeal of this hallowed valley of fortitude had made soldiers and now there was an American Army. Although actual battles were not fought there the American Revolution was won at Valley Forge.

The encampment of the valorous Continental Army during the winter from December 19, 1777 to June 19, 1778 is evacuated but not deserted. The pilgrimage to Valley Forge was initiated by the "Father of His Country" himself in 1778 and has gathered force over the years by the inspiration of the saintly deeds of the immortals of the Encampment.

The pilgrims have reached 1,250,000 in a calendar year. Of these visitors, the records of the park custodians show 275,000 call annually at Washington Headquarters, 170,000 examine the relics of the Park Museum, 235,000 ascend the Observatory Tower on Mt. Joy to enjoy a panoramic view of the en-

## THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

At the start of a new year is a good time to sit down with our chin in hand and try to decide what it was that happened to us last year—and why we are still unhappy. And if we ponder deep, it will maybe dawn on us that we neglected our AEsop and have been a sucker for the other guy—the one who has been nibbling filet mignon while we have been occupied at the income tax place.

This has been the era of makin' simple problems complicated. And as one example, take labor. Labor was not complicated 20 years ago when a carpenter made 6 bucks a day and took home an 8-pound roast for Sunday dinner. Today at 16 bucks, the roast is smaller. Mr. Carpenter is a sample of a worker to take his chin in his hand and ponder. And if he doesn't get off the dime and do so soon, his "little woman" should build a fire under him. And when she has finished with the "head of the house" person, she can pick up a pencil and dash off a pertinent line to her new, bright and shiny congressman. Tell him to make simple labor problems simple—and that she is tired of slickers sufferin', bleedin' and dyin' for her—as roasts get smaller and smaller—and to make it snappy.

Yours with the low down,  
JO SERRA

## Basketmen Win By One Talley

Playing a brand of basketball that promises a highly successful 1947 season, Lehman basketmen defeated the Huntington Mills squad by a score of 32-31, Wednesday evening, January 8. Although the home team failed to keep the eight point lead with which it entered the closing minutes of play, it turned in an excellent record.

Joseph Klebon, displaying his prowess in floor work, sparked the Lehman team, while John Miliauskas garnered honors as high scorer.

## Make Skating Rink

With four shovels, a length of garden hose, and a great deal of enthusiasm, Lehman students have constructed a skating rink on the athletic field behind the school. A large area of snow was carefully smoothed, then sprinkled with water; cold weather conspired to do the rest. The rink attracts many enthusiasts at lunch time.

Thousands enjoy other features of the park, including the picnic area and the Washington Memorial Chapel. They come from every State in the Union and many foreign countries, remembering the inspired words of Henry Armit Brown:

"If heroic deeds can consecrate a spot of earth, if the living be still sensible of the example of the dead, if courage be yet a common virtue and patience in suffering be still honorable, in your sight, if freedom be any longer precious and faith in humanity be not banished from among you, if love of country still finds a refuge among the hearts of men, take your shoes from off your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground."

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June 21—Friends celebrate Chief Coverts birthday with informal street ceremony. Borough's tar-heating machine catches fire. L. W. Lansberry drowns under overturned car.

June 28—Free Methodists re-dedicate church. Rotary women establish cancer fund. POST discontinues free copies to soldiers.

July 5—Alcohol drum explodes at Oliver's garage. POST publishes History of Wyoming Valley. POST readers send in baseballs in vain effort to keep Kid League going.

July 12—Operations at Pre-Fab. Housing Corp. stop. Prof. William receives school appointment at Millville. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Elston celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. Friends contribute \$1,000 to Memorial Library.

July 19—Mr. and Mrs. William Cairl celebrate Fifty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary. State plans improvements at Ricketts Glen. Township hires three new teachers.

July 26—Kingston begins renovation plans for three buildings. Legionnaires in second place in Bi-County League. Mrs. Caroline Rine-man, 94, dies.

August 2—Lehman firemen break

ground for new building. Irem Temple Country Club conducts mammoth horse show.

August 9—Legionnaires lead Bi-County League. Council installs traffic lights at Main Street intersection over State's complaint. Ground broken for Native Lace Plant.

August 16—Truckville Firemen open Annual Fair. Alderson Methodist Church conducts sixth Annual Flower Show. Legionnaires win Bi-County League pennant.

August 23—Lehman Police organize, elect officers. Cold weather retards most crops. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruggles mark Fifty-Third Wedding Anniversary.

August 30—Lehman schools have record 500 enrollment. Special permits announced for doe season. Schools resume studies.

September 6—College Misericordia can't open till new dormitories are completed. Jive Junction meets untimely end. Tomato blight forces local canneries to close.

September 13—Beaumont beats Legionnaires in Bi-County League play-offs. Lehman Firemen begin building fund campaign.

September 20—KT businessmen and parents raise funds for Band. Back Mountain Kennel Club sponsors Show at Armory.

September 27—Albert Culbert, retired stationmaster, dies. Lehman schools appoint two new teachers. Football season opens in Back Mountain.

October 11—Crops improve in long fall. Back Mountain Library observes First Anniversary.

October 4—Community fire chiefs meet at Truckville. Legionnaires defeat Jackson in post-season series.

October 18—Local FFA initiates 36 new members. College Misericordia opens with record enrollment. Library has 10,000 volumes.

October 25—Dallas approved for new Postoffice. Back Mountain sportsmen oppose doe season. Noxen residents join Blue Cross as group.

November 1—Seventh Annual Hallowe'en Parade big success. Youngsters destructive for weeks around Hallowe'en. Legion takes over Wallo Inn.

November 8—Poacher kills three deer in Jackson Township. Nine killed in flaming wreck on Harvey's Lake highway. Natona Mills opens finishing department in former Teen-Age building.

November 15—Honeywell named Chief to succeed Covert. Woman's Club admits 33 new members.

November 22—David Jenkins' plane crashes against mountain. Students rebel at Lehman High School.

November 29—Dallas Bank's assets reach \$3,000,000.00 Start erection of steel at Natona Mills. Game law violation up.

December 6—Carverton Rod & Gun Club organizes, explains conservation aims. Many deer shot in half of season devoted to buck.

December 13—Highway fatalities for Pennsylvania reach new high. Rural fatalities way up. Dale Dodson, KT, goes to South Pole with Byrd.

December 20—Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin celebrate Fifty-Fourth Wedding Anniversary. All local churches plan special services and music for Christmas. James Hutchison to take nationwide tour.

December 27—Scores attend J. B. Schooley rites. Christmas pervades Back Mountain. Local merchants fill POST with Christmas Greetings.

## From Country Clerk to President

William Henry Harrison, ninth President of the United States, was serving as county clerk of his home county in Ohio when nominated for the Presidency.



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## "The Totem Pole"

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Pennsylvania's first post-war Legislature has already convened and recessed but they'll be back on the job beginning January 20 and indications are now that matters will not move as smoothly as some observers at first thought.

Grandpaw Pettibone, chatting the other day with Hi Andrews, veteran Democratic minority leader of the State House of Representatives, in the sanctum of the latter's office atop Capitol Hill, found the wise old gent neck-deep in work but looking forward to this legislative session with his usual vim and vigor.

For a time it appeared as though Grandpaw Pettibone and the legislator from Cambria County, both violent pipe smokers, were engaged in a silent battle to see who could out-smoke the other. Needless to say the elderly gent finally departed from Hi's office with red-rimmed eyes.

The leader of the Democratic forces in the lower chamber, however, dampened our spirits on the question of the possibility of a short session. He indicated that so far as he could see the Legislature would not conclude its business much before late April or May.

On the other hand, conventional observers have predicted a short, quick and to-the-point session in view of the large majority Republicans have mustered in both the House and Senate. But several factors have been overlooked in this prediction.

In the first place, legislation is going to be passed that will affect every resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And before any such legislation receives quick approval, many legislators, looking to their home votes, are going to think twice, and sometimes three times, before rushing blindly into measures concerning taxes—even though such legislation is advanced by party leaders.

As mentioned here before, new taxes will be one of the main topics of this session and increased taxes mean fewer coins in the pockets of every man, woman and some children.

But regardless of what tax measures are advanced, a heavy battle is assured—with the voters sitting in the bleachers patiently awaiting the outcome and paying in the neck regardless.

Democratic members of the Legislature alone cannot hold up any measure not to their liking in view of their being in the minority. But the prediction is made here now that by mid-session Republicans will be split on the question thereby creating what may be a bitter and hard-fought series of taxation battles.

This will be in direct contrast to back-slapping and jovial atmosphere that surrounded the opening of the session, which during the past week saw Democrats moving along comparatively smoothly with their Republican opponents in passing the first measure—a bill that will streamline organization of legislative personnel through elimination of some minor jobs that are now obsolete, and the creation

## Lehman W.S.C.S. Elects Officers

### Adopts Program Theme For The Coming Year

Executive Board of Lehman W.S.C.S. met at the home of Mrs. Arthur Major last Wednesday afternoon to plan activities for the year.

The theme for the year will be "Of Such is the Kingdom—Our Stewardship for the Children of the World."

The society's officers are: Mrs. Arthur Major, president; Mrs. William Major, vice president; Mrs. Charles Snyder, recording secretary; Ruth Simms, corresponding secretary; Mrs. F. W. Abbott, secretary of missionary education; Mrs. Herbert Riley, secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. Russell Ide, secretary of Christian social relations and fellowship; Mrs. Alice Elston, secretary of children's work; Mrs. Albert Ide, secretary of literature and publications; Mrs. Lewis Ide, secretary of supply work; Mrs. Charles Nuss, secretary of publicity and membership.

## Jackson Township Man Held Under \$1,000 Bail

Jacob Kocher, Jackson Township, is being held under \$1,000 bail for appearance before the Grand Jury this month, charged with assault and battery and breach of peace.

Mary Kocher, the defendant's wife, complained to Justice of the Peace Robert Kulp of Huntsville that her husband had beat her Saturday night, December 21. Justice Culp notified State Police and Pfc. Karl S. Guers served warrant on Kocher, who admitted the charge.

Bail was met by Glenn Spencer. Kocher was reprimanded by State Police and Justice Culp. Date of trial has not been announced.

of additional necessary clerking jobs for the aid of legislators.

Fuss-budgety Grandpaw Pettibone, after stumbling over one of the many shiny brass cuspidors that adorn the carpeted floors of both the House and Senate, announced belligerently that he was forming a one-man lobby to have them marked with flashing red lights to warn the unwary.

But the Legislature won't get down to real business until next week after Governor-elect James H. Duff has been officially inaugurated and submits his message to the General Assembly stating his wishes and desires as to legislative matters. From then on almost anything can and probably will happen.

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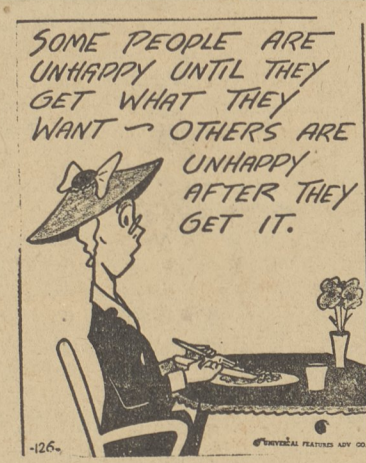
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