

Editorially Speaking:

Dear Uncle Jake

Those of us who complain about the meatless Tuesdays and the eggless Thursdays in America might have our backbones stiffened by the following letter.

It was handed to us shortly after we had written the Barnyard Notes for this week. The letter had this effect on us; instead of talking about helping those more unfortunate than ourselves, we went home, dug up some warm clothing and sent it off to the cleaners so that we can ship it to Europe.

If you feel after reading this letter that you would like to do the same thing, we can give you the names of a dozen families in Europe and the names of their little children so that you can send your gifts directly to them.

The writer of the following letter is a dressmaker, forty-five years of age. Her husband, an expert woodcarver, can find no employment at his trade, and is now working in a retail coal yard weighing out small bags of coal. This couple has three daughters aged twenty-four, twenty-three, and five. Their condition is not so desperate as in many European homes; but a weekly wage of thirty-five marks doesn't go very far when a bar of soap costs twenty-five and a pound of sugar costs four hundred. Ten marks equal one American dollar.

My dearest uncle Jake,

After receiving your last two gift parcels I am so happy that I just can't thank you enough. All I can say now is, "thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the very much needed things you sent to me and my family." The red sandals fit me perfectly. People stop me in the streets on my way to work, to ask if those shoes came from America.

Even in a big city like Munich the good news of a package from America travels quickly. So we have plenty of visitors.

Every one here is just as bad off as we are, and they all think that maybe we could give them something.

The food package had an emergency wrapping, but nothing was stolen, not even the sugar and coffee. Those articles are at the top of the black market list in price.

My husband, Jacob, makes 35 marks a week. We can barely get along on that, and can't afford to buy in the black market. Sugar sells for 100 marks per pound; coffee, 400 marks per pound; a bar of soap 20 to 25 marks; 1 lb. flour, 16 marks; 1 lb. lard, 200 marks; 1 spool thread, 5 marks; 1 egg, 7 marks; 1 American cigarette, 5 marks; 1 lb. fallen apples, 5 marks.

Kitty was offered 800 marks for the red wool dress, and 700 marks for the yellow slipover sweater you sent. Of course she wouldn't dream of giving them up, even at those prices, because Lord only knows she could never replace them. There just isn't anything for us to buy.

As you know, the four of us have been living in an unfinished attic room, ever since we were bombed out in 1944. I don't mind too much about us, but I do worry about my baby, Gabriele. There is no building material to have our room finished. None of the city's officials try to do anything for the people who were bombed out. We could get an apartment, through the black market, if we could give a case of whiskey or a few hundred pounds of sugar. You can see no average wage earner could afford such prices, only those connected with the black market.

You can't imagine what it means to us, dear uncle, to know that some one cares whether we live or starve. Thank you again for all the much needed clothing and food you've sent to us.

Best regards to every one and hope this finds you in the best of health.

Your niece,
Fanny

FROM
PILLAR TO POST

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

Leave it to Fate, to a wry sense of humor on the part of the Weatherman, or to utter stupidity on the part of a person who casually allows waste-baskets to overflow before emptying them. No sooner do I burst self-righteously into print with lurid warnings about the dangers of fire, underlining the main theme that rank carelessness is the cause in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, than I fan into flame a neat little blaze of my own, a blaze calling for the offices of the fire department.

You'd think that anybody with a grain of common sense would refrain from burning the contents of a waste-basket out of doors during a dry spell, and you'd be right. A shred of burning paper danced on the wind, whirled aloft and landed in the middle of a patch of dry weeds. In two minutes flat a roaring blaze was sweeping toward the orchard and the fire department was on the way.

That fire department, take it from one who has had recent experience, is an institution to be proud of. I had replaced the telephone receiver, snatched up a broom, and beaten the bushes for perhaps two minutes when the fire truck drew to a stop, and men swarmed out of it with sturdy brooms and a hose attached to a tank of chemical. In two more minutes the fire was on its last legs.

But it was all absolutely unnecessary. Ord Trumbower of the Acme should not have been obliged to leave his store. Jim Besecker and other volunteer firemen should not have been interrupted in their work. The fire truck should not have been called upon to make an expensive run. Pat Reynolds and Dick Haines should not have been obliged to hotfoot it down from the Goodleigh Farm to lend a hand at fire-fighting.

Plain, sheer, inexcusable carelessness, that's all.

I've had it from all sides, including the driver of the fire truck, neighbors who dropped in to assist in controlling the blaze, and from Mimi Weir. It has reached the stage where I meekly extend an ear to be slapped down.

Right now I am typing with one eye on the machine and the other extended on a stalk, like a hard-crab, toward the field where a change of wind might still whip up the embers and start trouble all over again.

From now on I burn the contents of the waste-baskets in the furnace or eat them, depending upon the quality.

In the interests of public safety, how about sending up an airplane and heaving a few pounds of dry-ice into a cumulus cloud? We could use a good soaking rain. Three weeks of Indian summer climaxed a period of near-drought adds up to trouble.

Horsemen Elect
First Officers

Form North Mountain
Trail Association

Horsemen of this area who annually take part in the 100-mile North Mountain Trail Ride have recently formed the North Mountain Trail Association with the following officers: Harry Fasset, Forkston, president; Dr. Stevens, Wyalusing, vice president; Edward Holmes, Tunkhannock, secretary; Ben Bowman, Tunhannock, treasurer; and John Blackman, Idetown, historian.

Organized ten years ago by Mr. Blackman who made the preliminary survey and had the trails cleared, the 100-mile ride has annually become more popular and attracted horsemen from greater distances.

Mr. Blackman has long contended that no part of the country offers more beauty than the North Mountain trails during the early fall.

Two weeks ago twenty-three horsemen made the trip, with the Fasset Farm at Forkston as the starting point. Two different routes were followed through Wyoming, Sullivan and Luzerne counties with the horsemen returning each night to the Fasset farm.

In previous years the trips frequently started from Idetown, Harvey's Lake and Noxen.

Winners this year were: Lowther Brown, Trucksville, Edward Holmes, Tunkhannock, Dr. Stevens, Wyalusing and Ben Bowman Tunkhannock.

Among the local men taking part were John Blackman, Wayne Lance, Rullison Evans, William Major, Thomas Heffernan, Walter Elston, Denton Durland and Luther Cease. Others came from Wyoming, Wayne and Dauphin Counties.

Dr. C. D. Parks, Honesdale, director of the American Morgan Horse Association, rode the Morgan mare that won the Vermont Trail Ride earlier this year.

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BOX SCORE

Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious accidents since V-J Day.

DALLAS	Hospitalized	Killed
LEHMAN	2	10
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	20	3
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	
TOTAL	31	15

Praises Dallas
Schools' Shop

Dr. Knerr Calls It
"One Of The Best"

Dallas Borough Schools have one of the best planned industrial arts shops to be found in Luzerne County, according to Dr. M. W. Knerr, area coordinator of Industrial Education of the State Department of Public Instruction, who has just completed a three-day inspection of school shops in this area.

So enthusiastic was Dr. Knerr that he said "I plan to bring other interested school men from other parts of the State to see this shop. It shows what can be done when you really go out after it, but you must also have a well-qualified industrial arts man to do the planning when you have a shop like this." Dr. Knerr referred to P. E. Reiff, recently appointed industrial arts instructor in Dallas Borough Schools, who laid out the shop arrangement of power tools.

The shop will be one of the many features of the school that will be open Monday night for inspection when all residents of the Borough are invited to attend the "Know Your School" program sponsored by the school board, faculty and Parent-Teacher Association.

There will be a twenty-minute band concert, short business session, and a review of school improvements by Board President Harry Ohlman. Supervising Principal Charles James will be chairman.

All class rooms will be open with teachers in attendance and there will be exhibits of student work in the grade rooms. Girls of the Home Making Department will serve refreshments.

During the past week students were delighted with the exhibition of magic given by Edardo, the magician and ventriloquist, last Thursday afternoon in the school auditorium. Forty per cent of the proceeds went into the fund to help pay for the school motion picture projector.

During the Wednesday morning Assembly students saw "Washington," a motion picture depicting scenes in the national capital.

Rotary Hears
Farm Manager

Mary Weir Speaks
On Herd Improvement

Miss Mary Weir, manager of Goodleigh Farm owned by Col. Dorrance Reynolds, spoke to members of Dallas Rotary Club at a recent meeting in Irem Temple Club. Miss Weir spoke on herd management, and the methods for developing desirable breeds.

It is notable that the Goodleigh Farm has had many prize winners in nationally conducted shows, and much of the credit for these achievements can be attributed to Miss Weir.

Program for the evening was under direction of Paul Warriner who introduced the speaker to the Rotarians.

Last night's meeting was presided over by Harold Payne, president. After a business session, the meeting was turned over to David Jenkins who had charge of the program.

Next Thursday the Club will hold a Halloween party for members, wives and guests. The party, which will be in costume, will start with dinner at 6:30 P. M. at Irem Temple Club. Dancing will follow 9 o'clock until 1.

Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed, most original and funniest costumed couples. Harold Titman is chairman, and will be assisted by Charles Lee, music; Don Ide, reservations; David Jenkins, Nesbitt Garringer and Dan Robinson, decorations, and Paul Warriner and Don Evans, prizes.

Fire Companies Get
Share Of State Funds

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company and departments in six neighboring townships will soon receive \$915.56. The money represents their share of the two per cent tax imposed on fire insurance written locally by out-of-state firms.

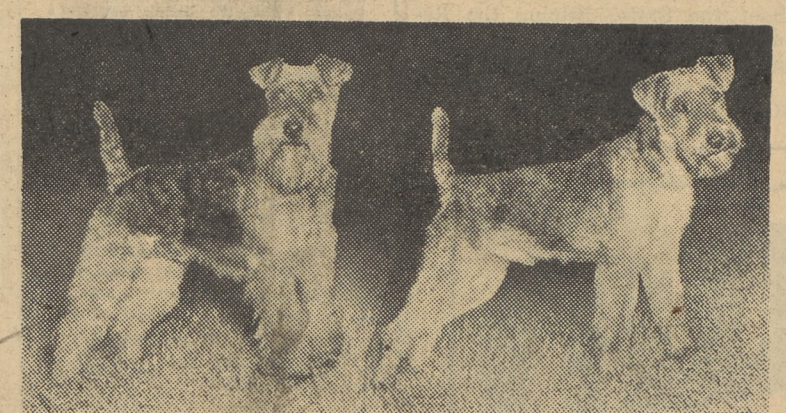
The Dallas firemen will receive \$194.15 while townships and the amounts they will receive are: Dallas, \$119.73; Franklin, \$30.06; Jackson, \$56.63; Kingston, \$290.73; Lake, \$187.79; Ross, \$36.47.

Monies will be forwarded to the treasurers of the various municipalities who will turn it over to the relief association of the fire department serving their community. By state law the funds may only be used by the relief departments of the fire companies to aid injured members or their dependents.

Local Dogs Entered In Back Mountain Club Show

Hundreds of the best dogs in the country from fourteen States are entered in Back Mountain Kennel Club Show which opens Sunday morning at 10 in the Kingston Armory.

The show is for the benefit of Back Mountain Memorial Library. Among the entries are top notchers from as far west as Wisconsin, as far south as South Carolina and as far north as Canada. But the biggest number will be from the three States, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey, and some of the best dogs entered from Pennsylvania will come from the Back Mountain country.



Welsh terriers, father and son, Yanto and Little Boy, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robinson of the Country Kennels, West Dallas.



Boxer, Deacon of Little Nook, owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wagner of Pioneer Avenue.



German short-haired pointer, Sipp, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johns of Huntsville road. Sipp was imported from Germany when Mr. Johns returned from overseas service.

Seventeen Women
Attend Convention

Seventeen local members were among those who attended the County W. C. T. U. Convention at Forty Fort Methodist Church on Wednesday.

Mother Moore of Philadelphia was the principal speaker. Fourteen women and their children were tied with white ribbon and took Temperance Pledge.

The Y. T. C. was in charge of the evening meeting which included a speaking contest.

Those attending from the W. C. T. U. units in this area were: Dallas, Mesdames Wesley Hoover, William Higgins, Albert Parrish, C. S. Hildebrand, D. A. Waters, J. C. LaBar, Dorey Rogers and Miss Ann Richards; Idetown, Mesdames, E. R. Parrish, Hattie Hadsal, Ada Fritz, Bruce Shaver; Lehman, Mesdames, S. R. Searfoss, Harry Howell, H. P. Reilly; Outlet, Minnie Hoover and Laura Kocher.

Traffic Lights Rearranged

Traffic lights on Main Street have been rearranged according to State requirements and are now in operation except for timing which will be established by the State.

Busses Assured
For Circus Trip

Twenty-Two Local Men
Are Circus Daddies

Andrew Bittenbender has offered the services of three of his big school busses and Clarence L. Myers has offered two of his to transport Dallas Borough school students to the Hamid-Morton three-ring Circus which is being sponsored by the Shrine at Kingston October 28 to November 1.

Dallas children will attend the show that starts at 2 P. M. on October 29 and will leave here at 1:30. Their admission has been paid by twenty-two Dallas Circus Daddies under the chairmanship of L. L. Richardson.

These men and organization are: Joseph H. MacVeigh, James F. Besecker, L. L. Richardson, H. L. Ohlman, Lawrence Updyke, Howard Risley, Dr. R. M. Bodycomb, David H. Jenkins, Paul Shaver, Bowman's Restaurant, Dallas Shoe Repair, Dixon's Fairlawn Market, Dallas Water Company, Himmler Theatre, Hazeltine's Auto Service, Henry Mastalski, Dallas Portable Welding, Edmondson's Gift Shop, First National Bank, Cooper's Dairy, H. A. Smith, and Devens' Milling Company.

A few additional tickets for youngsters not attending school but who live in the Borough will be available at Dallas Borough Schools and at the office of The Dallas Post.

Schools Receive
State Payments

Auditor General G. Harold Wagner has approved payments totalling \$454,333.23 to forty-seven school districts of the fourth class in Luzerne County. The funds are paid from Legislative appropriations for the support of public schools.

Local districts, and the amount each will receive are: Dallas Borough, \$9,816.20; Dallas Township, \$19,840.54; Franklin Township, \$3,744.64; Jackson Township, \$4,973.43; Kingston Township, \$26,244.95.

Prize Classes
Are Announced

Lehman Plans Big
Hallowe'en Party

Lehman Community and School will hold an old-fashioned Halloween party in the school auditorium, Wednesday night, October 29 starting at 8.

The grand march will take place at 8:40 when \$25 in cash prizes will be awarded. Adult classes are: 1. Historical, stage and screen characters; 2. Comic strip characters; 3. Most original; 4. Prettiest, and other prizes at the discretion of the judges. Junior classes are: 1. Rhyme or Mother Goose characters; 2. Funny book characters; 3. Most original; 4. Prettiest, and other prizes at the discretion of the judges.

Admission will be free to those in costume but a fee of 25c will be charged to those who are not. Tickets for cider and doughnuts will be distributed at the door. Pie and other refreshments will be sold.

Arranged as a family and community night, all parents and children as well as the public are invited to attend.

Chairman is Robert Martin who will be assisted by the following committee: Joseph Ellsworth, decorations and advertising; Virginia King and Ruth Shellhammer, refreshments; Mrs. Dorothy Travis and Mrs. Earl Weidner, prizes; Miss Mary Battle and Arthur Harrison, business and finance; Anthony Marchakitis, Hannah Culp and Mrs. Lois Allegar, games and grand march; Bernard, music.

REACHING FOR HIS
BUBBLE GUM, TWIN
BREAKS RIGHT ARM

Calvin Sutton, twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sutton, is making a good recovery after breaking his right arm while reaching for his bubble gum at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sutton.

Bubble gum isn't always that dangerous, but Calvin's happened to be placed on a bedroom dresser. In his efforts to reach it he tipped the dresser over and broke his arm. He was treated at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. As all good bubble gum fans know, "what's a broken arm, when you've still got good teeth to chew bubble gum."

Todd Gibbs, 4,
Stricken With
Poliomyelitis

Son Of Mr. And Mrs.
Alfred Gibbs Is In
Contagious Hospital

Todd Gibbs, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Gibbs, Huntsville road, is a patient at Wilkes-Barre Contagious Disease Hospital where he was taken early Tuesday morning after being stricken with infantile paralysis.

According to his mother, Todd complained of an ear ache when he awakened Tuesday morning. While she was treating him he also said his neck hurt and slumped in her arms when she tried to have him sit up.

Mrs. Gibbs immediately got in touch with Dr. C. Hayden Phillips who came at once and diagnosed the ailment as polio.

Yesterday Todd was showing considerable improvement and had the use of one of his arms. His legs were not affected.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs moved to this area in April when they purchased the property formerly owned by James Keiper. They have another son, Jeffrey, aged 2½. Mr. Gibbs is district representative for the industrial division of United States Rubber Company.

Asked what effect the appearance of polio in Dallas might have upon the schools, Supervising Principal Charles James said that he and Mrs. Grace Moore, school nurse, had been in touch with Dr. J. T. Millington at Kirby Health Center and had been informed that there are no tests to give other children and that schools should continue classes as usual.

While Todd was not of school age, he had played with a number of younger school children on Monday and had attended the Library Story Hour on Saturday morning. A member of the Board of Health who asked not to be quoted said that the Gibbs home would probably be quarantined for a period of twelve days, although even that is unnecessary since the State no longer authorizes quarantine for measles, chicken-pox, whooping cough and other childhood diseases. Neither do health officers fumigate homes where there has been disease.

This Board member also added that the Gibbs home is located in an area along Huntsville road where seepage from a septic tank was permitted to drain along the street for the greater part of the summer.

Ferry Elected
Post Commander

Served For Three
Previous Terms

A spirited election attended by fifty members Monday night at the Legion Home on Huntsville resulted in the election of Frank Ferry as Post Commander.

This will be his fourth term. Outgoing Commander is Donald Grose. Other officers elected were: Harold Brobst, vice Commander; Leonard Harvey, second vice Commander; Arthur Dungey, finance officer; Clare Winters, chaplain; Primo Berrettini, service officer; Joe Lavelle and Wilson Garinger, sergeants-at-arms; Steve Pavlick, historian; members of the home committee are: Roy Verfaillie, Frank Ferry, and Leonard Harvey; home committee, unexpired term for three years, David Jenkins; adjutant, William Baker, Jr.

Commander Ferry expressed his appreciation for the trust imposed in him and urged all members to make the coming year the most active in local Legion history.

Bible Seminary
Dean To Speak

Shavertown Church
Conducts Conference

The speaker for the October Bible Conference sponsored by the Shavertown Bible Church, will be Rev. Mr. Vernon Grounds.

Rev. Grounds was formerly a pastor in Paterson, N.J., and is at present Dean of the Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, N. Y. He is one of America's outstanding Bible expositors.

The meetings will be held Friday, October 24 through Sunday, October 26. Evening services start at 7:45 P. M. and on Sunday, services will be at 11:00 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend all sessions.