

## Former Teacher Taken By Death

Mrs. Maude B. Splitt Died New Year's Eve

Mrs. Maude Bulford Splitt, aged 61, passed away at her home in Jackson on New Year's Eve. Five days before Christmas she had a slight cerebral hemorrhage but was recovering. She was around the house and had dinner at the table with her family that evening. Her son, Durwood, was going to a New Year's Eve party, she accompanied him to the door; told him she would go with him next year to celebrate New Year's Eve. At a quarter of nine, she was stricken and passed away immediately.

Mrs. Splitt was a member of Jackson Methodist Church and the W.S.C.S. She was loved and respected by her friends and neighbors. She was a good neighbor. As one of her friends expressed it, "she was a noble woman, a lady in the true sense of the word."

Before marriage to Gustav Splitt, she was a school teacher in Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, and Jackson Township. She was a daughter of the late B. Frank Bulford and Ellen Duckworth Bulford of Huntsville, Dallas Township.

Mrs. Splitt was well-read. During the war she wrote faithfully to many of the local boys in the armed forces. She read every word she could find concerning the activities and advancement of the armies, and followed her son, Durwood, mentally through Africa, Sicily, and Italy. For many years she was a regular contributor of Jackson news to the Dallas Post.

She is survived by her husband, Gustav Splitt, two children, Mrs. Norman Franklin of Philadelphia, and Durwood Splitt at home; two granddaughters, Kathleen Helen Franklin and Carol May Franklin of Philadelphia; two sisters, Mrs. O. L. Harvey of Dallas, Mrs. Clarence R. Elston of Huntsville; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from her home Saturday afternoon with Rev. Frank K. Abbott, pastor of Jackson Methodist Church, officiating. The 19th Psalm, Mrs. Splitt's favorite Bible passage, was read by Rev. Mr. Abbott. This Psalm was the example by which Mrs. Splitt lived and by which she taught her children to live.

All bearers were Dennis Bonning, Ivor Ashton, Neual Kester, James Roushey, and nephews, Harold Elston, Thomas Cease, Frank Wyrnsch. Flower carriers were a granddaughter, Kathleen Helen Franklin, and the following nieces and grand-nephews: Mrs. Thomas E. Cease, Mrs. Frank Wyrnsch, Mrs. Harold B. Elston, Miss Nancy May Elston, and Allan Jonathan Cease.

There was many floral tributes, and despite icy roads the funeral services were largely attended. Interment was in Lehman Cemetery.

### W.C.T.U. Meeting

Mrs. Albert Parrish of Main street, Dallas, will be hostess, assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth Titus to members of the W. C. T. U. Tuesday, January 20 at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Carlton Reed will be in charge of a program centering around a parliamentary law quiz. A collection will be taken up for the wheel chair.

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## Roger Babson Has High Regard For British Ability To Survive

Babson Discusses Great Britain

Washington, D. C., January 14— I have always been in close touch with Great Britain. For many years I have had an office in London and have crossed the ocean many times. From the earliest part of World War II, I constantly stated that England would suffer tremendous losses and would be temporarily forced to become a second-class power. All of these forecasts have proven true.

**The Labor Government's Goal**  
Today I am just as optimistic on Great Britain as I was pessimistic ten years ago. When reading the history of England, I am always impressed to see how many times, during the last thousand years, she has been "down and out". The English people have a character and steadfastness which, in the end, is worth far more than money or even military power. They are the world's greatest authorities on colonial development, shipping, insurance and banking. I sometimes think that the poverty propaganda which England is now issuing is to help her make a good trade with the United States! However, we should not blame her for this as we cannot afford to have England collapse.

I was a friend of Winston Churchill during the War and was sorry to have him defeated at the last election. His rabid attack on the present Labor Government, however, is unjustified and sometimes seems almost treason. The Labor Government, like other pioneers, makes mistakes, but they have a worthy goal—namely to develop some fair policy as a bridge between Communism and Capitalism. In my humble judgment we should help them in their efforts, although they will succeed without a blessing from National Association of Manufacturers.

**Watch Africa**  
For ten years I have been urging readers to watch Russia. This was especially true directly following World War II when Russia was temporarily popular in this country. Now I say, "Watch Africa". Inside information indicates that the English industrialists are switching their energies and money from India and the Far East to Africa, which is both richer and nearer home. I forecast that England and France will form an economic alliance for the development of Africa which—with the British Dominions—will again make the British Empire the world's greatest power. Therefore, don't sell England short! England will get out of India all she has put in India with a good profit to boot. This also applies to certain other distant possessions which she gradually is relinquishing. India is cursed with an unbelievably large population and an impossible religion. Africa is richer in natural resources, has comparatively few people, and these, although called "heathen", are adaptable to the Christian religion. In addition to the rich undeveloped mines, water powers, forests, oil prospects, and other natural resources of Africa, it is nearby and already within Great Britain's grip. You hear nothing about giving up Africa.

**The Marshall Plan**  
I find in Washington that the Marshall Plan will be adopted after careful tailoring. England is very glad to have it apply to France, Italy and Greece generously, but it is not so keen about Korea, China, and the Far East. English diplomats tell me that it is foolish for the United States to try to "save the world." English statesmen of all parties are unanimous that the Mediterranean countries should be protected, so that the Democracies will definitely control the Mediterranean. England, however, is prepared to let the Chinese themselves

handle the Russians; and they can do this very well by swallowing them up. The same applies to the people of India.

Let us also remember that the British Empire knows the secret of the atomic bomb. This is both very important for the protection of the British Empire, and also because atomic energy has an important future in the development of Africa. Therefore, let us be generous with Great Britain as otherwise, when World War III finally comes, she may remain neutral and take over all of Europe and Asia after both Russia and the United States are exhausted.

Yours with the low down,  
JO SERRA

## THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

Today I am on Thrift—no glamor to it, but folks, it is the lack of same that is causing too many to listen to the will-o-the-wisp palaver about security and ease, if we just leave everything to Samuel, Old Boy.

A feller and his little woman who have saved up a 100 or 1000 bucks and it is in the bank or is invested at interest and enabling some company to do business, like making automobiles, or building an electric power system or running a store, they are going to give heed to preserving their investment. This feller and the little woman want to preserve the U.S.A. way versus following the way of the broken down nations of the earth who have tried all the short-cuts and "Utopia tomorrow" ideas, but which are still tomorrow ideas—and getting gloomier versus better.

Nothing is easy about thrift. Plenty of things are not easy but which are good in the long run. And folks, as a sample, I am headin' early in the A.M. for the dentist—an abscessed tooth. And the Doctor says if I take the easy route—avoid him by going down the other side of the street—I would be in for even more aches and pains, etc., including neuritis, etc., versus facing the music now, and opening up wide and showing him just which tooth it is.

Yours with the low down,  
JO SERRA

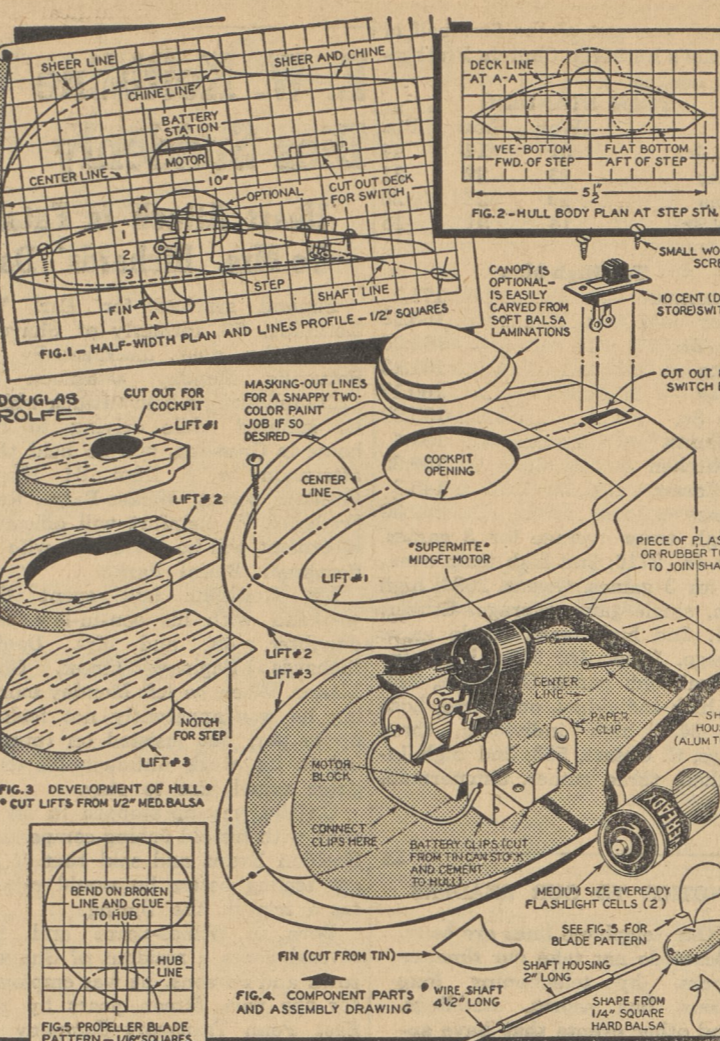
## Albert Calkins Dies In General Hospital

Albert Calkins, 54, of Alderson, formerly of Shavertown, died Monday morning at 8:10 in General Hospital where he had been a patient since Saturday. Mr. Calkins was manager of William Kern's Alderbrook Farms at Alderson. He had been in failing health for about five months.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Harvey Searfoss, of Moosic, and Mrs. Arthur Minor, of Shavertown; his mother, Mrs. Fannie Calkins Morgan, Edwardsville, and the following brothers and sisters: Elmer Calkins, Plymouth; Mrs. Rose James, Edwardsville; Mrs. William Ockenhouse and Henry Calkins, Shavertown; Morgan Calkins, Troy, N.Y., and Russell Calkins of Pittston. Three grandchildren also survive.

The funeral will take place from the home of his sister, Mrs. John James, 80 Jackson Street, Edwardsville, this afternoon at 2. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

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right size to allow an easy fit for the shaft. Make the propeller as shown in Figs. 4 and 5 and mount it on the shaft with cement. Hook up the propeller shaft to the motor shaft with a short length of plastic or rubber tubing.

Next cut out the fin and press it into the bottom just ahead of the step station. After it can be cemented in place, but first sand down the entire hull with very fine sandpaper. Give the whole works a coat of sanding sealer (costs 10¢) and sand down again. The paint job is up to the builder. Masking-out lines are indicated for a two-tone desk paint job; but this is not essential. Nor is the motor hood or canopy, also indicated; but this detail improves the appearance of the boat and seals it against water damage to the batteries. Check any tendency to turn off course by bending the fin as needed and . . . let her go.

Sincerely yours,  
Doug Rolfe

## CONSCIENCE STRICKEN TREE THIEF SENDS \$10 TO STATE

The Commonwealth's "conscience fund" was another \$10 richer today following receipt by the Department of Forests and Waters of a letter which told briefly of a motorist uprooting sapling pines in a State Forest.

Erroneously addressed to "The Pennsylvania Department of Forestry and Waterways," but nonetheless, delivered to the Department of Forests and Waters, the letter read: "Dear Sir: A number of years ago while automobiling through the north-central part of the State enjoying the beautiful mountain scenery, I and some other folks stopped and uprooted about eight or ten sapling pines from about two to five feet in height to take along home to be planted in our lawns for shrubbery at which time we were living in Lancaster county. We plainly saw the penalty signs and warnings to guilty persons . . . 'If ten dollars will pay damage to forest for the saplings please ac-

cept enclosed check. If there is an additional fine send charges to me which will be paid if possible . . . 'P.S. I am sorry to have trespassed and damaged property . . . Sincerely and gratefully, (Signed) Anonymous."

Department foresters pointed out that the letterwriter could have received a stiff fine of \$25 for each tree . . . or part thereof. And, according to law, arrests may be made any day, including Sundays, without warrants.

The Department is making no further investigation of the letter or the writer.

## Wilkes College Offering Many Evening Classes

Registration For Second Semester Starts On Monday

Herbert J. Morris, Wilkes College registrar, has announced that registration for evening sessions during the second semester will begin Monday, January 19, through Friday, January 26, at Chase Hall on the college campus on South River street near West South street.

Evening classes are planned to permit students to work toward college degrees and for individuals interested in graduate credits. In addition, Bucknell University Extension Courses, to be presented by visiting professors from the campus at Lewisburg, will be offered at Wilkes College during the evening sessions.

The night classes will begin Monday, February 2, in the Wilkes College buildings on South River and South Franklin streets, and members of the Wilkes College faculty will serve as instructors at the sessions.

Courses and subjects to be offered at the evening sessions include the following: Biology, Bacteriology; Economics, Business Education and Guidance, Principles of Economics; Economic Problems, Principles of Accounting, Advanced Accounting; Business Law (Contracts, Negotiable Instruments), Advertising, Labor Problems and Personnel Management, and Cost Accounting.

English—Elementary Exposition, Creative Writing, Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, American Prose and Poetry.

History—United States and Pennsylvania History, Recent European History.

Mathematics—Algebra Review, College Algebra, Introduction to Statistical Analysis, Differential Calculus.

Political Science—Government in the United States, American Political Parties.

Psychology—General Psychology, Psychological Tests, Rorschach Technique.

Sociology—Introductions to the Study of Society, Marriage and the Family.

In the foreign language field, Wilkes College will offer elementary courses in French, German, Spanish, and Polish. A course in Modern Polish Literature will also be offered.

The Bucknell University extension courses offered at Wilkes College beginning February 2 include the following: Education—Guidance, Extra-Curricular Activities; Counseling Methods, Secondary School Supervision, and Elementary School Curriculum.

Economics—Labor Problems and Personnel Management.

## Organists To Present Bach Choir Director

The Wilkes-Barre Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present Dr. Ifor Jones Tuesday, January 20th at 8 P.M. at First Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre, in a "Choral Clinic." A picked choir of twenty-five voices will be used to demonstrate his work.

Dr. Jones is Director of the famous Bach Choir Festival of Bethlehem and Teacher of Choral Conducting at Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore. He is a very impressive looking young man with a dynamic personality. At the age of eight years he was playing organ in his home town in the mining section of South Wales. At ten years of age he was composing. And so his life has been a series of advancing steps in the world of music—especially in the choral field.

When he was invited to direct the Bethlehem choir, it was with great concern that the Bethlehem critics awarded the first performance, lest the reputation that the choir was justly proud of, might suffer in a change of Directors. But when he directed with his characteristic sureness and reverent attitude toward the work at hand, those same critics of Bethlehem and also of Philadelphia sat back with a feeling of satisfaction that "all would be well."

And so, the Wilkes-Barre Chapter is proud and happy to present this man to Wyoming Valley and especially to any choir or choral-minded people.

Charles Henderson was appointed general chairman of the performance and serving with him are Estelle Broadt, Lois Lee, and Arline Weiss of Coughlin High School, President of the Mozart Club.

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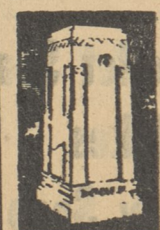
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