

Lincoln . . . A Failure For Forty-seven Years

History is replete with the names of great persons who defied discouragement and surmounted great obstacles to obtain their objectives.

For example Demosthenes, with an impediment in his speech, became a great orator. D'Israeli overcame racial prejudice to become Prime Minister. Helen Keller recognized no barriers in her struggle and overcame the worst of physical handicaps. But perhaps the greatest demonstration of fortitude was displayed by Abe Lincoln in his struggle for success.

Abe encountered forty-seven years of failure before he finally reached his objective.

When Lincoln was a young man, he ran for the legislature of Illinois, and was badly swamped. He next entered business, failed, and spent seventeen years of his life paying up the debts of a worthless partner.

He fell in love with a beautiful girl, became engaged to her—then she died.

Entering politics he ran for Congress and was thoroughly trounced. He then tried to get an appointment to the United States Land Office, but failed.

He became a candidate for the United States Senate and was badly defeated.

In 1856 he ran for the vice presidency and lost.

In 1858 he was defeated by Douglas.

But in the face of all defeat and failure, he eventually achieved the highest success in life, and undying fame to the end of time.

This great man was so humble that once while driving along a country road with a friend he lifted his hat in response to the salute of an aged Negro. "Surely it isn't your custom, Mr. President to tip your hat to a Negro?" asked the friend in surprise. "Why yes, indeed," replied Lincoln: "you couldn't expect me to permit a Negro to outdo me in politeness."

Of such is greatness made. Compare this humble backwoodsman with those of lesser stature who upon achieving success lose forever the common touch.

FROM  
PILLAR TO POST

By Mrs. T. M. B. HICKS, JR.

While you are wallowing around in the snowdrifts, making heavy weather of the distance between the Barnyard and the office of the Dallas Post, you may think of me, doubtless with a slight gritting of the teeth, as strolling on a grassy sward among the camellias in Charleston. It's a fact, the camellias are blooming great guns, the pear trees are showing signs of bursting buds, the pansies are in bloom, and the jonquils are well above the ground.

This morning the tide is well up along the shores of the Ashley River, with little pools of salt water showing between the rushes and white herons stalking about, on the prow of fiddler crabs. Those herons are going to be disappointed when they find that the fiddler crabs are in hibernation. Not a one in sight, though during the summer months the marshy ground beneath the huge live-oak tree at the foot of the lawn is fairly alive with them. Each little crab has a little shell, with his one huge claw held upright over his whiskers, the smaller claw helping in locomotion.

There has been no snow along this part of the coast, but the snow-line extended well to the south of Florence, which is only a hundred miles away. Looking from the windows of the bus last week, the snow grew progressively scantier and scantier as we rolled south, but patches of it were still visible along the north slopes of gullies and in fence corners. In spite of there having been no snow, the weather hereabouts was cold enough for a brief spell so that the Cooper River Bridge with its high spans and its steep approaches had to be closed to traffic because of a glaze of ice. It is only in the south that a bridge of this sort could be constructed, because in the northern states it would be impassable for most of the winter months. It resembles a huge camel with two humps and a bend in the middle. The spans accommodate beneath them, without benefit of a drawbridge, the largest vessels in the U. S. Navy. A toll-bridge for several years, with a toll of seventy-five cents for car and driver and an additional fee for each passenger, the bridge is now open to traffic at will. As soon as the indebtedness was paid off, the toll-houses were closed. As the bridge is on Route 17, the most direct route north, this is a break for the travelling public.

Yesterday we parked for a few minutes on the sea-wall of the Battery, looking out toward Fort Sumter. Through the fog and the murk a long line of porpoises were swimming steadily out to sea, not leaping and playing as they do on clear and sparkling days, but going on their way in a businesslike fashion with only an occasional fin or tail above the gray water.

The big show-places around Charleston are not yet groomed for visitors, though motorists passing through from Florida do a bit of sight-seeing on general principles. Another month and the azaleas will be in bloom, with the famed gardens doing a landoffice business in tourists at two dollars a head with an extra fee for a guide and a lavish tip to follow. It is not necessary to visit these show places in order to enjoy the azaleas and later the magnolias, as Charleston itself is full of azalea, and Summerville, only twenty miles away, is a riot of wisteria in late March or early April.

When Tom called on the tele-

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BOX SCORE

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

	Hospitalized	Killed
DALLAS	2	11
LEHMAN	1	1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	20	3
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	1
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
TOTAL	31	16

Jackson Firemen Elect Officers And Buy Pumper

Harold Bertram Gives Land At Chase For Community Building

Louis T. Wilcox, Chase, has been elected chairman of the newly formed Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company.

At a recent organization meeting held in Rome School House on the coldest night of the year, forty property owners of the township met to lay plans for the company and to elect officers.

Edward Kropp was elected vice chairman; Norman Smith, secretary; and James Twaddle, treasurer. Trustees elected were Harold Bertram, 3 years; Earl Balliet, 2 years, and Elmer Laskowski, 1 year. Dennis Bonning, Sr., was elected fire chief. Members appointed to the Ways and Means committee are Frank Thompson, Paul Gross and Alden Wagner.

The company has already purchased a White pumper from Hanover Township Fire Department for \$400 and originally planned to install a 500-gallon booster tank. The pumper has a capacity of between 400 and 500 gallons per minute. It is without hose.

After members of the company had an opportunity to view the Hi-Pressure Fog pumper being used by Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company, they recommended that similar equipment be purchased for Jackson and that the Hanover pumper be traded in on it.

The Sweet Valley equipment carries a 500-gallon booster tank which can furnish a supply of water for the Hi-Pressure Fog system for twenty minutes while firemen are laying larger lines and making connections for the pumper. Such equipment will cost between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

About an acre of suitable land within a half mile of Chase Corners has been donated to the company by Harold Bertram for the erection of a fire house and Community Hall.

At a meeting last night at the home of Mr. Bertram, further plans for the company were discussed. The new organization will serve about 350 homes in Jackson Township and is being enthusiastically supported by the people of the community.

McCusker Seeks Community Help

Ponders Installation Of Whistle At Natona

John McCusker, general manager of Natona Mills has a problem. While Mr. McCusker seldom dodges a responsibility this is one he would like to have the community help him settle.

Shall Natona Mills install a whistle? Many of those in Mr. McCusker's organization have told him that they would like to have a whistle at the plant to signal the start of the day shift, noon recess, resumption of work at one o'clock and the end of the day shift at five o'clock.

"Whether we install a whistle, Mr. McCusker, says depends upon the community. We can install a big whistle that will echo through these hills and be at the disposal of the community for fire alarms celebrations and on Armistice Day; or we can install a little whistle that can be heard only within a short distance of the plant. Whistles come in all sizes and we've got plenty of steam; but what I want to know is what kind of whistle the community would like to have."

Whistles come in all manner of tones and pitches, too, but Mr. McCusker didn't go into that. Those who have an opinion on the matter are asked to express it through the columns of The Post.

Water Line Bursts

One of the main joints in the water line supplying Natona Mills blew out on Monday and for a time endangered the plant's water supply. An emergency crew from Dallas Water Company quickly repaired the leak and had water soon flowing into the mill without retarding production.

Sixty Attend Fellowship Dinner And Conference At Alderson Church

Fourth Quarterly Conference of Alderson-Noxen Methodist charge was held Tuesday evening at the Alderson church.

Rev. Roswell W. Lyon, Superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre District of the Wyoming Conference, presided.

A comprehensive report of the year's activities was given by the pastor, Rev. James J. Hilbert, after which the Superintendent complimented him on the fine work done during the year.

Reports of the officials and heads of Women's Societies, Sunday Schools, and youth groups were read and approved. All reports gave evidence of the churches of the charge being in a fine financial condition.

Ruggles and Noxen are planning to build new churches in the not too distant future. Alderson plans building a church house for social activities and the purchase of an electric organ for the church.

Both Alderson and Kunkle reported substantial increases for the pastor's salary in the coming conference year.

The pastor paid tribute in his report, to Mrs. Flora Jones of Noxen, who has been church treasurer for 23 years, but who now, due to ill health, must be relieved of her responsibilities. He stated that she has been the most efficient treasurer he has ever had in any of the churches he has been privileged to

Fighter Pilot Killed In Japan

Mrs. Williams' Brother Dies In Plane Crack-Up

Mrs. Edgar L. Williams, Jr., Ide town, has received word that the body of her brother, Lieut. Frank M. Corser, a fighter pilot missing over Japan since December, has been found.

Lieut. Corser, whose home was in Binghamton, N. Y., was accompanied by Capt. Odie Minitra of Galveston, Texas, on a routine flight from Itami Air Base on Osaka to his own air base at Itazuki on northern Kyushu. Lieut. Corser had reached his destination, buzzed the field and was circling when the plane must have become lost in adverse weather. The wreckage and both bodies were found after a three weeks search on January 14 on Beppu mountain on the far northeast corner of Kyushu. Capt. Minitra's wife had been in Japan only five days before his death.

Lieut. Corser was well known by many persons in this area, having visited his sister at Irem Temple Country Club while her father-in-law was manager there.

During the war he was a gunner with the Eighth Air Force on the famed Flying Fortress Southern Comfort which was the first American bomber based in England to complete twenty-five missions over Europe. He was shot down twice and once limped back across the English channel where the entire crew baled out with but one casualty.

He received the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf clusters. It was shortly after his return from England that he visited Dallas. He received his permanent commission in the air force three months ago and had been in Japan since July 1946 with two and one-half years yet to serve there.

Unmarried, Lieut. Corser enlisted in the Air Corps when he was 19. He was 25 at the time of his death. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil F. Corser of Binghamton and by nine brothers and sisters.

Clerk Hit By Truck While Pumping Gasoline

Knocked down by a pickup truck as he was pumping gasoline in front of the store, Arthur Shook, clerk at Shook's store, Centermoreland, received painful bruises Saturday afternoon.

The truck, driven by Levi Brown, 80, apparently became unmanageable as Mr. Brown drew up in front of the store. Mr. Shook was taken to his home where he still remains in bed under the treatment of Dr. C. G. Perkins of Trucksville.

Retail Prices Reflect Break In Grain Market

Some Feeds Are Off \$8 To \$10 Per Ton At Local Feed Stores

The break in the grain markets has had an immediate reflection in lower local prices for poultry and stock feeds.

All local feed dealers report lower retail prices on most feeds. In some instances the prices of poultry scratch feeds have dropped as much as \$10 per ton with an average price reduction on all feeds of about \$8 per ton.

A. C. Devens, who has watched the ups and downs of the grain markets over a period of many years, is buying on a day to day basis and is not willing to predict what will happen to grain prices in the next few days.

Scratch feeds have dropped from a high of \$6.10 to \$5.60; mashes from \$6.20 to \$5.80 and cow feeds from \$5.70 to \$5.50.

Farmers for the most part are delighted with the trend. Stanley Moore, owner of Trucksville Mill, believes that lowered prices will have a stimulating effect upon the production of poultry and live stock. During the period of high feed prices, Mr. Moore says, many producers have become discouraged and reduced their herds of cattle, in some instances selling good breeding stock for beef. He believes there has been an overall cut of at least 10% in both poultry and livestock.

Ross Williams at the Old Toll Gate Feed Store also believes that lowered prices will have a marked effect on poultry and broiler production upon which farmers of this area depend for a large part of their income. "Very few chicks have been started here because of high feed prices," Mr. Williams said he believes feed prices will level off shortly and will not drop to a point where they will upset the national economy.

Lowered feed prices have as yet had no effect upon orders for baby chicks, according to Clarence Hilbert of Beaumont, one of the largest hatcherymen in this area. Effect of high prices is shown by his current production record which is 1,000 baby chicks per month as compared with 10,000 per month during a normal period.

Mr. Hilbert feels, however, that lowered feed prices will encourage local poultrymen again to start up their brooders.

Mrs. Ike Brace Breaks Wrists

Also Breaks Heel In Fall Down Stairs

With both wrists and her right heel strapped in plaster casts, Mrs. I. L. Brace, wife of one of Shavertown's most popular businessmen, returned Wednesday afternoon from General Hospital where she has been a patient since Saturday morning.

Mrs. Brace received her injuries Friday night about 8:30 as she was descending a flight of stairs in her home on Roushey Street. She had come down eight steps to a landing when she misjudged the next four steps, tripped about sixteen inches and landed in such manner as to break both wrists and her heel.

A neighbor who was departing after making a telephone call, heard her and came back in the house to her assistance. Dr. Sherman Schooley was summoned and set the breaks temporarily until she could be removed next morning to General Hospital for an x-ray examination. Her wrists will have to remain in the casts for from two to three months.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Brace's son, Henry, who is employed in the New York City Postoffice came to spend a few days with her and cheer her up.

Some months ago Tom Earl of Carverton, former Kingston Township School Director was similarly injured, breaking both wrists when a limb gave way while he was trimming a tree.

Meets Tonight

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company will meet tonight.

Five Hundred Maryland Folk Honor Pastor

Rev. C. H. Frick Will Become Huntsville Pastor On April 1st

Rev. Charles Frick of Mt. Rainier, Maryland, will resume his pastorate at Huntsville Christian Church on April 1st. Rev. Frick served the Huntsville Church as pastor for about twenty years before entering the Army chaplaincy during World War II. Subsequently he became pastor of Mt. Rainier Christian Church. He will be the guest speaker at the Week of Compassion Dinner to be held at Huntsville Christian Church on February 19.

Sundays issue of the Washington Post said:

More than 500 persons—including Prince Georges County and District religious, civic and business leaders—honored the Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Frick, retiring pastoral couple of Mount Rainier Christian Church.

Mayor Floyd B. Mathias, of Mount Rainier, speaking at the reception in the church at 33d st. and Bunker Hill rd., said Mr. Frick has always been in the forefront for civic betterment.

"His leaving will be a distinct loss to the community," he added.

Given Plaque by Club

Carl E. Nordeen, president of the Mount Rainier Lions Club, of which Mr. Frick is a charter member, presented him a testimonial plaque on behalf of the club. A basket of flowers and a resolution came from Oscar T. Harlow, chairman of the official board of Mount Rainier Methodist Church. Wilbur Smith handed Pastor Frick a sizable "purse" on behalf of the Mount Rainier Christian Church's official board, of which he is chairman.

Also joining in the program were Dr. J. Warren Hastings, president of the Disciples Ministerial Union of Washington; Mrs. Bernard L. Teelyea, president of the Women's Civic League of Mount Rainier; James L. Harrison, president of the Washington Christian Church Council; Mrs. George M. Anderson, representing the Christian Ministers' Wives Association of Washington; James Davis of the Rattlesnake Patrol, Troop 203, Boy Scouts; Carroll Zimmerman of Troop 59, Girl Scouts, and the Rev. Clarkson R. Banes, president of the Mount Rainier - Brentwood Ministerial Union and pastor of Mount Rainier Methodist Church. Mrs. Ruby F. Laughton headed the program committee, assisted by Miss Leona T. Rider.

To Conduct Baptisms

Mr. Frick's last act as pastor will be conducting baptisms next Sunday at 7:45 P.M. and preaching at 11 A.M. He and Mrs. Frick will move to the 30-acre farm of his late father, Rev. M. C. Frick at Sweet Valley, until the new parsonage is built at Huntsville.

Lake Employs School Nurse

Temporary Health Room Is Equipped

Mrs. Florence Schell, a graduate of Ann May School of Nursing, Neptune, N. J., in 1934, has been appointed school nurse at Lake Township Schools.

A temporary health room has been established in the Laketon Building and will be equipped as rapidly as possible. There is still need for one or two cots and anyone who might have a cot to contribute or to sell is asked to contact Supervising Principal George Taylor.

Before starting her work, Mrs. Schell spent several days in Dallas Borough Schools with Mrs. Robert Moore, school nurse, studying the local set-up.

Mrs. Schell's work of checking up on student illnesses has according to Mr. Taylor, been invaluable during the recent outbreaks of chicken pox and scarlet fever which almost reached epidemic proportions.

Girls Play At Armory

Dallas Borough Girls' Basketball team tied St. Nicholas High School in a fast game at Kingston Armory Wednesday night.