

"Don't Try It Again"

A letter recently appeared in the Omaha World-Herald which has received national acclaim. It later developed that it had been written by Chester E. Beltz, a fireman who works for the Union Pacific Railroad. Mr. Beltz had long been interested in the cause of safety, partly as a result of the safety training which he had received from the railroad. Here, in part, is his letter, addressed to the unknown driver of a car which was almost struck by a train:

"I don't know who you are, but I do know you were scared to death when you drove your car across directly in front of a speeding passenger train. It was so close that I, in the cab, could see the young girl (your sweetheart, I presume) throw her hands up in front of her face and cringe up against you in stark horror."

"If I were that young girl I'd pull away from you, fast. You didn't have good sense, son. You probably say you love her. I wonder. Those we love we try to protect. But not you."

"Wouldn't that have been a nice present to hand your mother—a broken and battered body. And how do you think that we in the cab of that engine would feel. We are human beings too."

"You and your girl were only one second from Eternity, son."

"I hope you read this and know it means you, and that the girl will, too. Next time you go driving around, stop and look. We don't want to hit you, but we are helpless, as we cannot swerve away from our given rail."

"If I were you, I'd thank God for that split second He granted you."

"I said a prayer for all when I realized you were going across. Perhaps that's what saved us all."

"Now think it over, both of you. And I'll bet you are both still shaking in your shoes. And please, for God's sake, don't try it again."



Let George Do It

This newspaper was overwhelmed with the response to last week's editorial appealing for letters that might be turned over to the Postoffice Department in an effort to secure street delivery of mail in Dallas Borough and vicinity.

We received just one communication—a postal card from Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dettmore of Lehman Avenue.

For the past twenty years this newspaper has appealed to the people of Dallas Borough to number their houses. Some few years ago as a matter of self defense it waged a single-handed campaign (that incidentally cost us about \$50 in cold cash) to have street signs erected in Dallas Borough.

Those signs, now badly in need of repair, have served their purpose well and have been a convenience to those in the community as well as to visitors and delivery men.

Frankly, our motive in advocating them was ulterior. We were tired of being the village information center. Our motive in urging people to number their houses was also motivated by self-interest. Again we were tired of trying to direct moving vans, department store delivery boys, and in not a few instances, bill collectors to homes where there were no house numbers.

Fortunately we have no interest in the street delivery of mail. We pay someone to collect our mail twice a day and since nobody else in town seems to be interested enough to express themselves in writing, we shall drop the matter and let those who enjoy paddling through the mud in all sorts of weather continue to do so. It's our candid opinion that most of the community has stagnated to the point where it needs the air and the exercise anyway.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

One sure sign of spring hereabouts is a growing disinclination to meet a column deadline, combined with a corresponding leaning toward doing that long-delayed spot of housecleaning, postponed for so many months that it is now tramping heavily upon the heels of the annual tear-up which ushers in the spring just as surely as the date on the calendar.

And then there is that accumulation of bedding put off from week to week in the hope of a sunny day, a temperature well above freezing, and a brisk wind, all in one fancy package. Such days could reasonably be expected along toward the middle of March. We could use a little of that sort of weather right about now. It would be a pleasant change to fold sheets directly from the line, snapped dry in a warm wind that leaves no wrinkles to iron out, and without benefit of blowtorch.

There was such a lovely sun this morning, such a sweet wind, just the ticket for that spree of sheet-washing. It seemed like an answer from heaven to the postponement of that deadline. I could do the whole business in one hour flat, I promised myself as I rolled out the washing machine, knowing full well that I was lying in my teeth, that it would take two and a half hours with the best of luck, and that the hanging of the last sheet would be followed by a mad dash to the office of the Dallas Post, bearing in my hand an ill-written column an hour beyond the deadline.

This state of affairs sparked the usual train of events. The bucket-a-day refused to burn until the smudge on the firepot had been stimulated by a transfusion of live coals from the furnace. The first turn of the faucet brought forth a gush of rusty water. It developed that the laundry soap was at the lowest ebb in history, with the kitchen sink yielding a scant half bar and the bathroom a sliver.

With a small sugar sack tied firmly over the rust-bearing faucet and a dribble of water coming through it into the washing machine, there suddenly appeared a lake on the laundry floor. Business of removing the fireplace wood stacked under the set tubs, to find that one of the logs had nudged the shut-off valve a trifle and that there was provisionally no leak (Continued on Page Five)

Kiwanis Backs Baseball League

Young Players Are Invited To Meeting

Spring meeting of Junior Baseball League players will be held at Dallas Borough High School on Thursday, March 13th, at 7:30 P.M.

The League which is sponsored by Dallas Kiwanis Club, is composed of teams from Truckville, Shavertown, Fernbrook, Dallas and Dallas Township. The players are youngsters up to and including fourteen years of age.

It is expected that Richard Pyrrn, former Kingston Township High School baseball star, who did such a fine job of supervising the League last year, will again take over that duty this year.

A highly interesting program has been arranged for the meeting on March 18th. Through the efforts of Joseph D. Kane, director of Wyoming Valley Playground and Recreation Association, motion pictures of the 1947 World Series baseball games will be shown. These pictures are furnished through the courtesy of the Philadelphia American League Baseball Club. In addition to the baseball films, the Dallas Kiwanis Club has secured a motion picture of 1947 Football High Lights from Atlantic Refining Company.

All young baseball players in the Dallas area are urged to attend the meeting and take an active part on the teams. Parents of the boys are also invited.

Owl At Feeding Station

Mrs. Georgia Straw reports that a screech owl was feeding this week at her bird feeding station at her home on Overbrook avenue.

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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	4
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	4
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
TOTAL	31	17

Five Injured When Two Cars Meet Head-On

Four Are Still In Serious Condition At Nesbitt Hospital

Five well-known Back Mountain residents were seriously injured and a sixth miraculously escaped with minor bruises Tuesday night at 7:30 when two automobiles collided in front of the new American Legion Home on upper Main Street, Luzerne, southeast of the Luzerne Lumber Company office.

The injured were: George Smith, 70, of Alderson, driver of the automobile. He received a fractured left leg below the knee, fractured jaw, lacerations and contusions of the face and suffered from shock.

Mrs. Carrie Smith, 66, wife of George Smith, compound fracture of the right ankle and shock.

Mildred Devens, 34, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Devens, Dallas, a passenger in the Smith automobile, three severe lacerations of the face, from the outer corner of each eye across the cheeks and across the chin, fractured left kneecap and shock.

Mary Kuchta, 40, of Alderson, passenger in Smith automobile, contusions of left chest and right leg and shock.

W. J. Goodman, 57, Huntsville, driver of the second automobile, possible fractured skull, fractured jaw, injuries to left side, contusions of face and shock. He is a brother of Henry Goodman, Idetown florist and operates his own large hot house on Dennison street, Forty-Fort. For the past nine years he has lived with the Rummage family on Jackson Road, Huntsville.

Mrs. A. C. Devens, passenger in Smith automobile, slight brush burns.

All of the injured with the exception of Mrs. Devens are patients at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital where Mildred Devens and Mr. and Mrs. Smith are being treated by Dr. Charles Shaffer of Kingston. Their condition is satisfactory and they are in good spirits.

Miss Kuchta, whose injuries were not at first determined has small splinters of the bone in her leg requiring a cast. For a time this week she was not permitted to have visitors. She is being treated by Dr. Sherman Schooley of Shavertown. A teacher in the schools of Lakewood, N. J., she had come here to attend the funeral of her uncle.

Mr. Goodman's condition is grave. His injuries and general condition are such that x-rays have not been taken. He is, however, being treated for a fractured skull. He has been semi-conscious only at intervals since the accident. He is being treated by Dr. C. A. Miller of Wilkes-Barre.

Mrs. Devens, considerably bruised, is being confined to her home in Dallas awaiting the outcome of x-ray pictures.

The accident happened when both automobiles which are believed to have been traveling close to the center of the highway, collided head on. The Smith machine was traveling toward Luzerne and Goodman's machine was headed toward Truckville. Both cars were moving at a moderate rate of speed.

After the collision, the Goodman machine burst into flames and Luzerne Fire Department responded extinguishing the flames with chemicals.

Neither automobile overturned. Both were almost completely wrecked with the engines in each of them being shoved far back into the interiors of the bodies.

Miss Devens and Mr. Smith were riding in the front of the Smith machine while Mrs. Devens, Miss Kuchta and Mrs. Smith occupied the rear seat. Miss Devens was thrown through the windshield and was unconscious and bleeding profusely when her mother summoned a spectator who came running to the accident in bare feet to take her to the hospital.

Miss Kuchta was thrown completely under the car and was found lying under the Goodman automobile where she was rescued by Luzerne firemen.

None of those in the Smith machine can explain how the accident occurred although Miss Devens is quoted by her mother as having said "I saw it coming but was powerless to do anything about it."

Over Two Hundred Folks Attend Shavertown "Newcomers Night"

Over two hundred men, women, and children attended the Newcomers Family Night at Shavertown Methodist Church Tuesday evening.

Guests were greeted by an organ recital given by Bud James as they gathered in the sanctuary. In the reception line were Rev. and Mrs. Howard Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Johnson and Mrs. Sherman Schooley.

Lovely bouquets of spring flowers in white vases, donated by Hill, the Florist, made a cheerful setting. Shamrocks and greens decorated the tables as guests enjoyed a delicious creamed chicken dinner prepared by the WSCS.

Rev. Edgar Singer of Forty Fort acted as toastmaster. The program, arranged by the Men's Class consisted of the following: group singing led by Professor Lewis of Kingston; solos by William Burnaford accompanied by Margaret Gordon; a reading by Mrs. Joe Mathers; greetings to new members, Rev. Singer.

The cut flowers and vases were awarded to guests on the following merits: Mr. and Mrs. Barney, couple most recently married; Mrs. Harry Major, oldest member present; Mr. and Mrs. William Burnaford, couple with largest family present; Mrs. Ralph Whipp, a foster mother; Mrs. Miles, mother with youngest child present; Mrs. William Ockenhouse, a member of Shavertown Methodist Church for thirty years; Mr. and Mrs. Eberly, family most recently moved into the community.

Those present were: Miss A. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. William Manner and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark, Rev. and Mrs. H. Harrison, Howard Hontz, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnaford, Bill, Eddie, Allen, Lois Burnaford, Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. Floyd Sisco, Walter Andrews, Delphine Andrews, Harry Bogart, Carol Bogart, Mr. and Mrs. John Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martz, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snow and family, Bobby Hontz, Donald James, Margaret Ann Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, R. D. Lewis, John Henninger, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Eberly Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Barney, Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. William Eichl, Mr. and Mrs. John Reese, Major.

Extra Period Brings Title To Shavertown

Underdogs Climb From Fourth Place To Championship

In one of the best played games of the season in the Back Mountain Sunday School League, Shavertown Methodist defeated East Dallas Methodist Saturday night on Kingston Township High School floor by a score of 30 to 24.

It was an extra period game the score being tied at 24 at the close of regulation time. Shavertown started slow and was behind 19 to 9 at the half, but in the second half began to find the basket and soon pulled the game out of the fire to tie the score in the last second.

In the extra period Shavertown outscored East Dallas 6 to 0. Shavertown started slow and trailed other League teams at the start of the season but with the addition of Porter to the line-up began to move and ended the regular season in fourth place in the League.

In the playoffs Shavertown defeated Dallas A team and in the semi finals defeated the League-leading Dallas B team to enter the finals against East Dallas. Shavertown's victory over Dallas B was the only defeat suffered by that team during the season.

Shavertown defeated East Dallas in two straight games to win the flag.

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Returns From Show

Miss Miriam Lathrop, has returned after spending several days in Philadelphia where she visited the Flower Show and spent some time going over the shelves at University Library selecting book titles.

MILL MANAGEMENT DECIDES AGAINST INSTALLATION OF ANY KIND OF WHISTLE

No mill whistle will disturb the rustic atmosphere of Dallas. John McCusker, general manager of Natona Mills, announced the decision this week after receiving letters from Dallas Kiwanis Club, Woman's Club and numerous individuals. Dallas Rotary Club discussed the matter at its meeting last week but opinion was divided among those who wanted a whistle and those who didn't, but approved a resolution "if we must have a whistle, let's have one that is as meek as possible."

Others in the community took Mr. McCusker's invitation for opinion as an opportunity to berate the mill management and express their regret that the plant had located here, but they were far in the minority and in two instances lacked the courage to sign their communications.

George Turn, local insurance man, wrote that he had conducted a private poll and had found that most people were opposed to whistling—even in the dark.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Morrison, Donna Mae LaBar, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hart, Mrs. Harry Major, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shewan, Mrs. Dora Major, Mr. and Mrs. William Shewan, Robert Shewan, Bud James, Mrs. Bud Hirlman, Barbara Joyce, Frank Hirlman, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Woolbert, Charles Woolbert, Mary Elizabeth Schooley, Mrs. Sherman Schooley, Mr. and Mrs. A. Arber, Mrs. Ada Evans, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Nicos, Miss Esther Boston, Miss Ruth Lamoreaux, Mr. and Mrs. William Bond, Miss Ruth Boston, Ruth Miles, Miss Marian Courtright, Louise Miles, Miss Lucy Courtright, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Yeager, Miss Ethel Vivian and family, Miss Alice Vivian, Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Watkins, Allen Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Susan Jones, Mrs. Emily Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Dick, Alice Austin, Mrs. Alice Austin, Mrs. Mabel Dorn, Roland Dorn, Mrs. Dorothy Reese, Kirk Reese, Jack Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brace, H. C. Beck, Maria Beck, Mr. and Mrs. James Martin and James Jr.

The dinner was prepared and served by the following ladies of the church: Mrs. Ralph Whipp, chairman, Mrs. Walter Shaver, co-chairman, Mesdames Russell Cease, Albert Major, Roy Martz, Honeywell, William Ockenhouse, LaBar, Howard Hontz, Oscar Dymond, Robert Phipps, William Morgan, Alfred Dampf, William James, Eleanor Eberly Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Barney, Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. William Eichl, Mr. and Mrs. John Reese, Major.

Four local persons were injured, one of them seriously, Sunday evening at eight when their Ford sedan was rammed by a skidding automobile on a hill in the Poconos five miles this side of Broadheads ville on Route 115. The injured were treated at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Injured were: Betty Jane Trimble, 20, Fernbrook, College Misericordia sophomore, fractured jaw, fractured foot and leg. A patient at General Hospital. Condition good.

Mrs. Helen Trimble, mother of Betty Jane, lacerations above the eye.

Frankie Trimble, 15, brother of Betty Jane, bruises of the head.

Ted Schwartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Schwartz of Shavertown, driver of the machine in which the Trimbles were riding, bruises of the knee.

The accident occurred when a Buick sedan driven by a Montclair, N. J., resident skidded while descending a sharp grade and slid across the highway into the front end of the Schwartz machine which was travelling toward Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Trimble riding in the front seat with Mr. Schwartz was thrown underneath the cowl. Occupants of the Buick were not seriously injured.

The accident tied up heavy Sunday night traffic for about an hour. A motorist who was following the Schwartz machine helped to release Miss Trimble, who was pinned under the cowl by the front seat, and brought the injured to General Hospital.

Large Crowd Attends Pellman Auction Sale

A crowd estimated at more than 500 attended the dispersal sale of James H. Pellman on the Nesbitt Farm Saturday.

Mr. Pellman has purchased the former Kyler Richards Fruit Farm at Beaumont from William Williams of Dallas and expects to move there shortly.

The auction was conducted by Howard Sands of Tunkhannock, Pa. machinery brought good prices and there was brisk bidding for Mr. Pellman's herd of thirty-two mixed cattle. The top Holstein was sold to Fred Shoullice for \$375. Another went to a New Jersey buyer for \$330.

Negotiates For Buildings

Ben Sterling, owner of Rocky Glen Park, is negotiating for the buildings at Fernbrook Park which are owned by Leo Insalaco. The buildings have to be removed because of the sale of the land to Bloomsburg Mills.

Book Club To Meet

Back Mountain Memorial Library Book Club will meet on Wednesday.

Expect 100 At Lake Fox Hunt Sunday Morning

Prizes Will Be Awarded In Three Different Classes

Open warfare has been declared on bre'r fox. More than 100 huntsmen are expected to gather Sunday morning at Herman Kern's Restaurant, Harvey's Lake, for the first fox hunt sponsored by Harvey's Lake Camp 274, United Sportsmen.

Any licensed hunter may take part and those having fox hounds are invited to bring them along. Shotguns will be the only firearms permitted.

Registration will start at 8 A.M. after which rules and regulations and location of the hunt will be explained. The hunt will get underway at 9 o'clock and lunch will be served at noon.

There will be first and second prizes for the men who shoot the first and second fox of the day. There will also be first and second prizes for those who shoot the heaviest foxes and another for the hunter who shoots the largest number.

Judges will be Luther Kniffen, Bowden Northrup, Herman Kerstein, Joseph MacVeigh and Steve Emmanuel.

The State Game Commission has pointed out that foxes feed on small game and their young and has urged hunters to take a heavy toll of bre'r fox to protect the young and thereby assure an increase in game this year.

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In the Keystone State the sum of \$4 is paid the hunter for each fox killed. And for some, this runs into a tidy sum—as is the case with Andrew Ewart, of Carmichaels, Greene County.

Ewart, in a 50-day period, slew 160 of the red and gray depreddators. Of this number 112 were gray foxes, while 48 were of the red variety. For this bit of work, he will receive \$640, Wagner said.

Next ranking fox-killer in the state is Hugh D. Case, of Sabinsville, Tioga County, who will receive \$493 for his efforts in running bre'r fox to death.

A record kill of more than 45,000 foxes in 1945 is believed to be still tops.

The Harvey's Lake hunt will be directed by Charles Gavenonis, Plymouth, president of the head camp, assisted by William Robbins Jr., of Truckville. Game Commission officials who will aid are: Robert Parlaman, Carl Stainbrook, and Ray Doerzbacher.

Eight Schools Get State Aid

Payments Approved By Auditor General

Eight Back Mountain School Districts shared in \$472,635.39 approved for payment to forty-nine Luzerne County School Districts of the fourth class this week by Auditor General G. Harold Wagner.

The local districts and the amounts are: Dallas Borough, \$9,816.63; Dallas Township, \$19,841.25; Franklin Township, \$3,744.76; Jackson Township, \$4,973.59; Kingston Township, \$26,286.50; Lake Township, \$10,977.81; Lehman Township, \$17,517.52; Ross Township, \$6,482.38.

Showing of Spring Hats Will Follow Reading

A fashion show of new Easter bonnets will be an added attraction at the Irem Temple Country Club tonight, Friday, when Evelyn Swank Jones entertains with the reading, "Mr. Roeberts."

The reading is the last of a series to be sponsored by the Irem Temple Women Golfers. Miss Lee Harnden of Pomeroy's, who will direct the fashion show, is one of the Golfers. Other golfers will act as models. A coupon for a gift hat will be the door prize.

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