

No Place For Eddie

The Evening Banner, of Greenville, Texas, recently told, in an editorial, the sad story of Eddie, an inefficient and discourteous clerk in a store. One day a customer noticed that Eddie wasn't present and asked about him. "He's just not working here any more," the proprietor said. "Got anybody in mind for the vacancy?" the customer responded. "Nope," said the proprietor. "Eddie didn't leave no vacancy."

As the Banner added, "There's no place for the Eddies because the days of competition have returned and customers want to be waited upon . . . they want to see clerks take an interest in their requests, give them courteous, attentive service and try to make them feel at home. That's just human nature."

During the war, many a store, from the big chains down to little shops, had to employ poor and disinterested help, because nothing better could be had. But we're getting back to normal now, and we're seeing again that retailing is a career, that it calls for very special talents and mental attitudes and capabilities, and that it isn't a job that anyone can do. Many of the larger stores carry on highly developed training programs for their employees, and these are of service to small stores as well, by raising the standards of retail service in general.

The customer is entitled to interested and intelligent service, whether he's after a pound of hamburger or a complete spring outfit, and retailing is giving it to him. That small percentage of stores which takes no interest in this basic form of public relations won't be in business long. And, like Eddie, they'll leave no vacancy.

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

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

When the telephone exploded in a series of short staccato beeps at eleven P. M. on Friday night, I turned off the radio with one hand while lifting the receiver with the other. This, I told myself with a quickening of the pulse, is IT. Keep calm, you nitwit. Right on time to the dot, something new and different in the family annals where a two weeks delay is the norm.

The operator inquired, "Is this thuhree, niun, four, ring two?" Yes, it was three-nine-four R two all right, and how about getting on with the connection so I could receive the GREAT NEWS?

"One moment please. Here is your party."

The other end of the line said, in what appeared to be a state of breathless excitement, and no wonder under the circumstances. "Is this Mrs. Hicks? This is Charlie."

"Hi, Charlie, glad to hear you and don't keep me in suspenders. Come across with the vital statistics. How is she, and is it a boy or a girl? Let's have the news."

A dazed silence from the other end of the line, then in a patient voice, the tone commonly used in soothing a hysterical three-year-old.

"This is Charlie Berry, of the Wilkes-Barre Record. There's lots of news around here, almost any kind you can mention, but so far as I know, nobody is expecting either a boy or a girl. Howzabout it, fellows", in an audible aside to the personnel of the news room," anybody here expecting?"

"Oh, Charlie Berry. Well, hello, Mr. Berry, what's on your mind?" "Just a little information. Is Bill Wagner still in Peru?"

This query promptly filed itself high on the list in the department of complete confusion. Fancy yourself in a state of expecting news of a Blessed Event, and then let somebody imply that you have mislaid a man you never even heard of, and in Peru, of all places. Shick-shinny, maybe or even Moosic, but never Peru.

Peru, I reflected vaguely while hanging my ear to the phone, is that long pink country angling down the far side of South America. No, that's Chile. Must be that fatiguing green country up at the top of the continent, practically astride the Equator. Uh-uh, that's Ecuador. I'll have to look it up in the Atlas. My fifth grade geography has slipped.

All this while Mr. Berry was still warbling about Bill. Bill, the last anybody heard of him, was in Peru, and Tom must know something of his whereabouts.

Snatching at straws now, "Tom isn't here, but I am expecting him for the weekend. If he knows where Bill is located, he'll give you a ring. And now you lay off the phone, on account of I am expecting a call from Baltimore."

Hold the Presses

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scoggins of Baltimore, Md., announce the birth of a six pound baby boy, Charles Jr., on Wednesday, April 7, the birthday anniversary of his great grandmother, Todd. This is the Scoggins' first child and Mrs. Scoggins' mother, Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks' tenth grandchild. Mrs. Scoggins is the former Persis Hicks.

Dancing Classes

Kathryn Stafford is conducting private dancing classes at the Shavertown Youth Center starting, April 12. The pre-school class is held at 3 o'clock and the school-age class at 4 o'clock.

Any one wishing to take advantage of these classes right in our own Back Mountain area is invited to join the group on Monday.

Township Board Plans Showers And Dining Room

Construction Will Start This Spring If Costs Are Right

Dallas Township School Board, meeting Tuesday night, discussed construction of a dining-room to be used in conjunction with the cafeteria.

In addition, plans were expanded to construct boys' and girls' shower rooms. Before any definite action is taken, however, the Board will secure estimates of costs, and if present prices are not prohibitive, will advertise for bids. If the Board decides to go through with it, work will be started late this spring, and completed for use at the beginning of the fall school term.

Reports on operation of the new cafeteria have brought favorable comment from State educational authorities.

A dining-room, located near the cafeteria, will provide a place for the students to eat. At present, class-rooms are used for this purpose, and are, at best, a temporary arrangement.

Present shower rooms provided for students are inadequate, and far too small with present enrollment. It is proposed that modern, up-to-date shower rooms, be provided with storage space for gym suits and athletic uniforms.

Other business coming before the Board was preparation of a tentative budget for the fiscal year, 1948-49. The Board secretary was authorized to insert legal advertisements of the tentative budget in the papers. A copy is also open for inspection by the public in the supervising principal's office at the high school. The secretary was also authorized to place advertisements for bids for transporting students in school busses. These bids will be received and opened at the next regular meeting on Tuesday, May 4th. Contracts will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder as required by State School Laws.

Directors present were: Donald J. Evans, president; Stephen N. Davis, Thomas S. Moore, and Floyd W. Chamberlain, secretary. Director Walter Elston was absent.

Also present were Prof. Raymond E. Kuhnert, supervising principal and Attorney Jonathan C. Valentine, solicitor.

Back Mountain Amateurs Asked To Enter Contest

An amateur contest in which students of all Back Mountain schools are invited to participate will be held at Lehman High School on Friday night, April 16, under the sponsorship of the Senior Class.

Donald Frantz will be master of ceremonies and Marilyn Williams will be mistress of ceremonies.

Three cash prizes of \$10, \$5, and \$3 will be awarded.

Anyone interested in entering the contest should contact either Mr. Frantz or Miss Williams.

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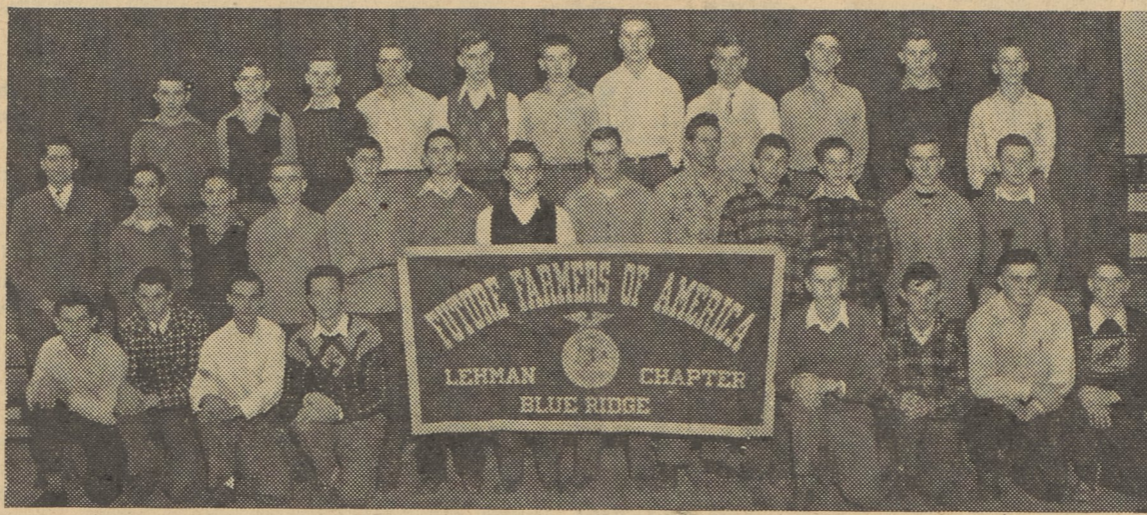
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BOX SCORE

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

Lehman Future Farmers Line Up For Picture



Left to right, back row: Edward Kosakowski, Richaard Thomas, Anthony Yockavitch, George Lewis, Carl Rood, Frederick Disque, Charles Snyder, Roland Gansel, Fred Shoultice, William DeRemer, Jerry Scott.

Center row: Russell Ruble, instructor; Donald Bombick, Thomas Roberts, Ronald Thomas Arden, Hunter, president; Richard Weidner, vice president; Bernard Mazer, secretary; Leonard Ide, Jr., reporter; Albert Ashton, treasurer; Leslie Sutton, sentinel; Arthur Carichner, Ralph Cornell, William Naugle.

Front row: Charles Carey, Joe Ginitier, Frank Prutzman, Frank Koche, Burl Updyke, Phil Scavone, Andrew Fedor, Donald Gross.

Lehman F. F. A. Sons Entertain Dads At Seventh Annual Banquet

H. C. Fetterhoff, Harrisburg, Is Speaker; Leonard Ide Sr., Responds For Fathers

Blue Ridge Chapter, Future Farmers of America of Lehman Township High School held their annual Father and Son Banquet Wednesday evening, March 31 in the High School gymnasium. About seventy fathers and sons and guests attended. Toastmaster was Arden Hunter, president of F. F. A.

An excellent roast ham dinner was served by the Home Economics Department under the supervision of Miss Ruth Shellhamer.

The meeting opened by candlelight with the official F. F. A. opening ceremonies conducted by the officers of the organization.

The program for the evening consisted of Group singing conducted by Russell Ruble with B. J. Gerrity accompanist; several selections by the newly organized F.F.A. male quartette consisting of Frank Prutzman, Charles Snyder, Ralph Cornell and Burl Updyke, under the direction of Mr. Gerrity; a report on Chapter activities by Bernard Mazer; Project work, by Frank Prutzman; Swine Club by Roland Gansel; Dairy Club by Burl Updyke.

Leonard Ide Sr., who was selected as the Fathers' Representative, gave a short interesting talk encouraging the boys in their F.F.A. and Project Work; Jerry Scott gave a short response to Mr. Ide's talk and welcomed all guests and parents.

Richard Weidner played two selections on the trumpet accompanied by Mr. Gerrity at the piano. The toastmaster then introduced a number of guests and remarks concerning the work of the F.F.A. were made by H. L. Hendricks, supervising Principal and H. E. Newcomer, area agriculture adviser.

The address of the evening was by H. C. Fetterhoff, chief, Vocational Education in Agriculture, Department of Public Institution, Harrisburg, Pa.

Following the address, Mr. Ruble presented the area and state Project Contest awards for outstanding work in Vocational Agriculture.

A copy of the Annual F.F.A. News publication was presented to each person present.

The meeting was closed by the president with the closing ceremonies of F. F. A.

Area winners were: Frank Prutzman, calves, 5th; Ralph Cornell, potatoes, 1st; Homer Major, potatoes, 2nd; Edward Kosakowski, capons, 2nd.

Junior Project winners: Carl Rood, truck crops, 2nd; George Lewis, silage corn, 1st; Fred Shoultice, tree fruit, 1st; Frederick Disque, 2nd.

State Junior Project winners: Carl Rood, truck crops (green tomatoes) 2nd; Ralph Cornell, potatoes, 12th.

Kingston Township Students Win Awards

Lazarus Department Store has awarded a Certificate of Merit and a gold key to each of four students of Kingston Township Schools who entered exhibits in the National Art Contest sponsored by scholastic magazines.

Students were: Anne Louise Griffiths, a senior; Nancy Kann, a junior; Catherine Ruth Vann and Louise Kann, members of the eighth grade class.

Utility Manager Made Director

Warhola Has Served Water Company 20 Yrs.

Leslie Warhola, general manager of the Dallas and Shavertown Water Companies, has been elected a director of Eastern Gas and Water Investment Company which owns and operates water properties in Dallas, Shavertown, Tunkhannock, Noxen, Mt. Greenwood and Harvey's Lake; and propane gas properties at Chestertown, Snow Hill, Pocomoke City, Berlin and Ocean City, Maryland and Chincoteague, Virginia.

The other officers and directors of the Company are Carl F. R. Hassold, President, and John F. Bunn, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer.



LESLIE WARHOLA

Mr. Warhola's election follows years of service with the Dallas and Shavertown companies during which vast improvements have been made in the local water supply.

Starting as a laborer in 1927 when the companies were owned by Inland Utilities Corporation of the Southeastern Gas and Water Company, Mr. Warhola advanced to the position of general manager. Under his direction the local system has developed from a broken down system of pumps and wells into a modern water system with a constant supply of pure water from deep artesian wells. The water company's present program is geared to the development and expansion of a growing community.

Within recent years under his supervision, Country Club, Natona Mills and Center Hill wells have been drilled, and two new wells, the north Lehigh and Zinn, have been drilled in Kingston Township. The smaller Wallo and Still water companies have been consolidated with the larger system.

A graduate of Kingston Borough Schools, Mr. Warhola has been a resident of Dallas Borough since 1926. For ten years until the annual meeting in December, Mr. Warhola had been fire chief of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, resigning at that time due to increased responsibilities with the water company.

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TWENTY-FIVE MILE SPEED LIMIT SET ON DALLAS BORO. STREETS

Councilman Blames District Attorney's Office For Laxity In Enforcing Motor Law Violations

Determined to put an end to reckless driving in Dallas, Borough Council on Wednesday night placed a twenty-five mile speed limit on all borough streets and impressed on Chief Russell Honeywell that it will stand back of him on all arrests even to the extent of pressing prosecutions in Luzerne County Court.

Council's action followed the testimony of five Huntsville road residents who appeared at the meeting to ask for relief from the wanton driving that endangers the lives of their children who must use the highways to go to school.

In the group were Theodore Newcomb; his father, Ralph Newcomb, Reginald Saunders, John Sheehan and Wesley Cave.

Ralph Newcomb acted as spokesman and cited innumerable instances of excessive speed, accidents, and drunken driving on the stretch of highway between the Space farm and the sharp turn at Huntsville Dam. The most recent accident, he said, involved a drunken father whose car crashed off the road and who had to be helped back behind the wheel by his two small children who accompanied him.

While Newcomb was speaking his father interrupted, "If Council can't do something about this I can; if one of our children is hit, I'll shoot the man who did it. It will be the last child he ever injures."

Council President Joseph MacVeigh replied that Council, and he personally, were in agreement with the parents and that something should be done immediately to put reckless drivers in their place. "But how are you going to do it?" he asked, "when our police can't get convictions in Luzerne County Court."

He cited three recent cases of drunken driving, speeding and reckless driving in this area where arrests were made by local and State Police. "Two of these were 'fixed' in the District Attorney's office before they reached the Grand Jury. The transcript, and bail peace in the third case have not reached the Clerk of Courts office, and I'm going to find out who is doing the 'fixing', even if I have to prosecute these cases myself."

"Enforcement officers including high officials of the State Police, told me as recently as two weeks ago that they can't get convictions in Luzerne County Court. The District Attorney's efforts are so weak that he can't get true bills before the Grand Jury."

All Councilmen except Warden Kunkle, who had left the meeting early, agreed with Mr. MacVeigh and gave their word to support the Chief of Police in a rigid enforcement of the law.

Burgess George Williams alone took exception to one of Mr. MacVeigh's statements and rose to explain why the papers in the Kocher case had not been forwarded to the District Attorney's office. He explained that he had spoken to the District Attorney and asked him how he wanted the case prepared. After being told that the case could be entered on the trial list as late as Monday, Mr. Williams said he took transcripts to the Borough Secretary to have the seal affixed but that the Secretary refused to place the Borough seal on them.

There was a brief flare-up when Secretary Besecker asked tartly "tell them why, George; there were no dates, charges, nor signatures on those papers. I won't affix the Borough's seal to any blank papers." After a moment tempers subsided and it was agreed that transcripts should be filled out before the seal could be affixed.

Council then approved a resolution to have speed limit signs erected along Huntsville road and to forward a letter to the Department of Highways requesting approval of lowered speed limits on the State Highway through the Borough.

Onus for lax enforcement of traffic laws was placed by Councilmen on the District Attorney's office where meagre lists of cases pass through the "fix", and beyond the Grand Jury to the Courts.

To Fine Dog Owners

Still in a fighting mood, Council instructed the Chief of Police to enforce the Borough Dog ordinance to the letter, without fear of reprimand. Owners of all dogs licensed or unlicensed found at large in the Borough are to be arrested and

Police say they have received a number of similar calls to this area within the past several days. In no instance were those who were annoyed able to give a good description of the man's face.

Chief Honeywell this week asked residents not to become alarmed, but to notify him immediately by telephone if the intruder makes another appearance. He urged them not to become excited, notify neighbors or attempt to chase the prowler; but to continue their regular activities without apparent outward concern until the police arrive.

Borough Band To Give Concert Thursday Night

Annual Spring Concert of Dallas Borough High School Band and chorus will be held next Thursday evening.

Lester Lewis, director, has arranged an interesting program including the "London Suite" by Ira F. Vail.

There will be three featured instrumental soloists; William Nelson, clarinet, accompanied by Polly Lou Cooper; Robert Stair, trombone, accompanied by Lois Wood, and Gail Shaver, tuba, accompanied by the band.

Receives Air Medal For Heroism In Action

Loren McCarty, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McCarty of Lehman this week received his air medal from the U. S. Navy for heroism over the enemy territory. He served in the ETO. Loren just completed a year's course at Baltimore Technical Institute, Baltimore, Md. He is now visiting his family at Lehman.

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