

Truth Stranger Than Fiction

The public knows that Federal Bureau of Investigation is a great deterrent to crime because of the efficiency with which it runs down lawbreakers. But too few know what an aid it is in noncriminal investigations that affect people in many walks of life.

In the mammoth files of the Identification Division of the Bureau in Washington, there are more than 107,000,000 sets of fingerprints. Over 80 per cent of such prints are in the non-criminal file which includes members of the armed forces, government employes, persons fingerprinted in applying for jobs in important national defense plants, and persons who voluntarily had their fingerprints recorded as a means of identification.

A typical case is that of an old man who in April, 1946, asked the Los Angeles Police Department for assistance in locating two sons and a daughter from whom he had not heard since 1905. He believed his sons had served in World War I. An appeal was made to the FBI. In its files it found fingerprint cards bearing names and dates of birth reasonably agreeing with the information furnished by the father, together with information as to places of employment of the individuals in 1942 and 1943. The father was thus enabled to contact his sons, through whom he located the missing daughter. Three months after he first called on the police, he gratefully acknowledged the help that had been given him.

This closed one of the thousands of incidents in which the FBI has helped in the identification or location of missing persons.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

It is pretty disheartening, in view of a ploughed but still unharrowed garden plot and a steady drizzle, to receive jubilant news from North Carolina that the peas are not only well up but actually podded, and that within a matter of two weeks a Sunday dinner featuring green peas and tiny new potatoes is in prospect. It leads to vain wondering why you settled down in the frozen north, but a look out of the east window lightens your spirits.

Maybe the peas aren't even planted, but there is a flowering pink tree on the far hill, the maples are fiery red, the rhubarb is flourishing, the grass is ankle-deep, the daffodils are shining through the raindrops, the tulips are heavily budded, the lilac bush promises more blossoms than ever before, and the strawberry plants and raspberry canes have been delivered from the nursery with imperative instructions to plant immediately. Maybe the folks in North Carolina have peas and new potatoes, but they also have ticks. At the present writing, everybody below the Mason and Dixon Line and also some people in southern Pennsylvania, are lining up for tick shots and anointing their ankles with kerosene before venturing into any brushy territory, to discourage the chiggers. The hills around Dallas are not infested with either ticks or chiggers. Residents of the southern bank of states resemble pin-cushions by the time they have submitted to their spring round of preventive serums.

Last year you couldn't get a small garden ploughed for love nor money, but this spring the Trading Post is featuring this service, with two men advertising their willingness to oblige, one with a tractor, the other and more recent advertiser with horses. If Palmer Updyke's schedule is any indication, both he and Mr. Van Horn will have all the ploughing they can handle.

Having made a note of Mr. Updyke's advertisement early in March, we called him up when the strawberries arrived. Mr. Updyke said he was ploughing in Trucksville and Shavertown, but could come in a few days. What about the strawberries? If the strawberries had come from a good nursery the plants would still be dormant, properly packed, and would hold out for a week or ten days without damage. An inspection of the inside of the strawberry package corroborated this. Whereas the outside had said plant without delay, the instructions on the inside said that the plants would last for several days without planting if kept in a dark cool place.

Three days later a small tractor busted past the window, apparently heading for Demunds at a rapid clip. One of the more communicative neighbors was on the phone at the time, and by the time I had yelled "Here's the tractor" and had banged down the receiver, the tractor was passing the red barn at the Maples. Frenzied yelling from the middle of the road was barren of results. The tractor disappeared around the bend, to reappear half an hour later, trailing its equipment in the rear like the tail of a kite.

Fortified by the comforting note that no garden plot would be considered too large or too small, we discussed the size, shifting the stakes farther and farther apart as we talked. The garden grew in prospect by leaps and bounds. Strawberries and raspberries and sweet corn and potatoes take up an astonishing amount of room, much more than anticipated.

We were impressed with the approach to the job. "I'll make a

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Merchants To Make Reports

Credit Information Will Be Available

First steps in the formation of a Back Mountain Credit Bureau were taken at the sixth meeting of Dallas Business Association Monday night in Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Dr. R. M. Bodycomb, chairman of the credit control committee, reported that a finance company had offered to buy up all delinquent accounts of members. This proposal was tabled and Harry Lee Smith, a member of the committee, presented a schedule of rates from Wyoming Valley Credit Bureau and showed how the merchants might use the facilities of that organization. The committee will make further contact with the Credit Bureau and report back at the next meeting.

On motion of Grace Cave, seconded by L. L. Richardson, it was decided to have all members of the association list delinquent accounts on credit control cards and present them at the next meeting for comparison.

Members were given a month in which to warn delinquent accounts that their names will be listed unless they make satisfactory settlement.

Highway Department To Remove Obstructions

Representatives of the State Department of Highways and a committee from Kingston Township Veterans' Association made a tour of inspection of highways in Dallas, Dallas and Kingston Townships, on Monday with a view to removing dangerous obstructions to traffic.

Harradon H. Smith, superintendent for the area, assured the committee, that private driveways extending into the State Highway on Carverton Road and Pioneer avenue where they endanger lives, will be removed—if necessary with Highway Department bulldozers.

He also assured the committee that the Department will cooperate in every way possible to keep the highways clear of obstructions. The veterans pointed out spots at the Y in Trucksville and at Birch Grove where drainage overflows the highways. Mr. Smith said that new drains would be installed to take care of the situation.

Packers Strike Affects Tannery

Shortage Of Hides Slows Production

Shortage of hides due to strikes in the major meat packing firms of the country has curtailed production at the Noxen plant of Armour Leather Company.

The 200 employees of the Noxen plant, now working on a five day week, have lost five days of work. Formerly the plant processed many South American hides, but of recent years only domestic hides have been tanned there.

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

Kingston Township High School Band In Concert Tonight



A capacity audience greeted the opening last night of Kingston Township Schools' two-day Music Festival in celebration of National Music Week.

The program in the high school auditorium was presented by music students of Shavertown and Trucks-ville Grade schools under the direction of Verus Weaver, head of the

music department. The Junior Band and Glee Clubs of both schools had leading parts. Tonette Bands and Rythm Bands from the lower grades were also on the program. Tonight's program will be presented by the Senior Band and by the Senior High School Chorus. If last night's performance is any indication of what to look for, the

"standing room only sign" will be up long before the performance starts. In less than two years time, Mr. Weaver has developed a well-trained and outstanding musical organization composed of some of the youngest players in any school band in the area.

The whole musical program of the schools is planned to keep

training young musicians to step into places in the Senior organization. The majority of those in the Band are junior high school and grade school pupils. Robert Shewan and Robert Antanaitis are student directors with John Werts and Robert Antanaitis sharing the role of commentator. Thomas H. Jenkins is faculty manager.

Veterans' Groups Plan Joint Services For Memorial Day

A community Memorial Day program is being planned by Daddow-Isaacs Post, American Legion and Kingston Township Veterans' Association with services in the Veterans' plot at Evergreen Cemetery, Shavertown. Joining in the services will be Girl and Boy Scouts of the Area and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

As now planned, all organizations will assemble in Shavertown and march to the cemetery. Alfred Milliner-Camp has arrangements of music, and Dallas Township High School Band will play. The committee hopes also to have another band in the line of march.

The program at the cemetery will include a bugler and the echo, and a firing squad, in uniform, composed of two members of the Legion and two from the Veterans' Association. The color guard will also be in uniform and composed of veterans of both organizations. Atty. Vivian Edwards will be the speaker, and after the flag is raised the veterans will place a wreath at the flagpole. Paul Shaver will be parade marshal.

F. F. A. Judging Contest Held For Two Counties

On March 31 the F.F.A. organizations of Lackwanna and Luzerne counties met for a judging contest. About ninety boys entered these contests.

The poultry contest was held at Henney's Poultry Farm. The livestock judging was at Hayfield farm, while the dairy contest was held at Orchard Farm and Hillside Farm.

This contest was held to give the boys practice in judging and acquaint them with the judging contests that will be held at State College June 8-11.

Coach Badly Damaged

When the steering gear of his 1939 Pontiac coach failed to operate, Andrew M. Bendick, 34, Larksville, crashed into the guard rails, Wednesday morning, near Fernbrook Park.

The car overturned and was badly damaged. Chief Russell Honeywell investigated. Bendick was treated for minor abrasions by Dr. F. Budd Schooley. Riding in the machine with Bendick was William Woodman, who was uninjured.

Noxen Alumni Dinner Scheduled At Club

Noxen High School Alumni Association will hold its annual dinner at Irem Temple Country Club on Wednesday evening, June 9.

All former students whether graduates or not are invited to attend. There will be music for dancing. Dress will be optional.

Officers of the Association are: Severn Newberry, president; Paul Kraft, vice president; Louise Wyant, secretary; Grace Case, treasurer.

To insure reservations, call Louise Wyant, Harvey's Lake 3490, before May 20.

Crowned Queen



MILDRED BORTON

Mildred Borton, a senior at Dallas Township High School, was crowned May Queen at the annual May Day Festival held yesterday. Peggy Martin was Maid of Honor.

Other attendants were: Nancy Anderson, Daisy Bellas, Mary Carey, Phyllis Kunkle, Clara Ann Evans, Jacqueline Mahoney, Nancy Deibert, and Lois Anne Klein. Flower girls were: Patsy Keener, Eloise Holmgren, Elaine Kozemchak, Barbara Kozemchak, Carol Wagner, Sharon John, Ann Dorrance, Mildred Pruet, Betty Harris, Charlotte Shonk, Audrey Race, Geraldine Miller.

Barry Landmesser and Carl Ide were Train Bearers; and Arnold Williams was the Crown Bearer. Girls from the Junior and Senior Classes formed an Honor Guard.

\$6,000 Is Pledged

A report meeting of Jackson Volunteer Fire Company will be held Monday night at Rome School at 8 o'clock.

A new Ford F.C. 2-ton chassis purchased from Motor Twins was delivered to the John T. Bean Company at Lansing, Michigan, last weekend by Dennis Bonning and Elmer Laskowski. They left Friday and returned Sunday.

The Bean Company has promised that the new high pressure fog fire-fighting equipment will be ready for delivery on May 28. Three members of the company will be delegated to go to Lansing on May 24 to attend a two-day fire-fighting school to learn how to operate the equipment. They will return with the equipment on May 28 in order to take part in the Sweet Valley Parade on Memorial Day.

The equipment will cost more than \$6,000. All canvassers and workers are urged to collect as much as possible within the next two weeks. Total amount pledged to date is \$6,247, with \$2,700 paid in cash.

To Hold Banquet

A Mother and Daughter banquet will be held in the Demunds Church Friday evening, May 7.

Many Local Men To Get Degrees

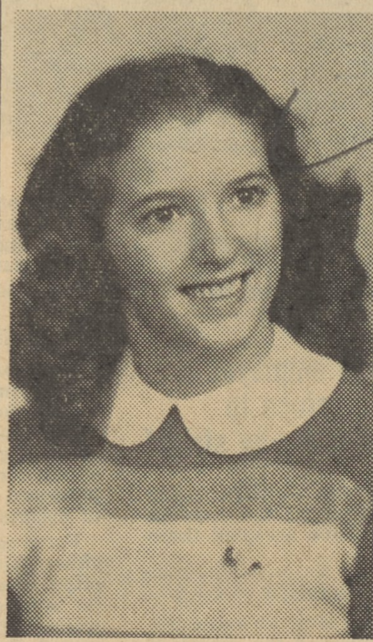
Hundreds Of Masons Gather At Bloomsburg

Twenty-four local men will be among more than 150 candidates who will receive degrees and become members of Caldwell Consistory at Bloomsburg this week.

The reunion started Tuesday night and continued with conferring of degrees on Wednesday and yesterday. Concluding degrees will be conferred this afternoon and evening.

Among those receiving degrees are: Dallas, Jack C. Barnes, Alan J. Bisbee, Constantine G. Condoras, Sandal C. Hunt, Elmer S. Hunt, Herbert E. Marley, Richard Y. Oliver, Richard G. Phillips, Patrick E. Reithoffer, Robert E. Van Horn, Arnold R. Yeust; Trucks-ville, Bernard S. Bush, Samuel B. Dilcer, Russell W. Johnson, George A. Parker, John H. Parker, James Shepherd, Robert Shepherd; Shavertown, John M. Fink, Budd C. Hinkleman, Hayden D. Williams; Alderson, Thomas G. Comstock; Wyoming R.F.D., George F. Metz; Wilkes-Barre, Rev. Francis Freeman.

Lehman May Queen



BETTY IDE

Under a bright blue sky and surrounded by all the colorful pageantry of spring, youth had its fling yesterday afternoon at May Day exercises on Lehman School grounds.

Betty Ide, whose service to the school and whose outstanding spirit of citizenship has made her an outstanding student, was crowned May Queen. Twenty-eight girls from the upper grades bearing an honor chain, preceded the queen and formed an avenue of color through which she proceeded to her throne.

Marilyn Williams was her maid of honor.

A novel feature was the Fairyland float with its throne and background of clouds and blue birds. Everywhere there was a profusion of beautiful spring flowers, narcissus, sweetpeas, daffodils, carnations and sprays of apple blossoms and quince.

To Show Sheep At Tunkhannock

Five Local Breeders Will Exhibit Animals

Charles Heminway, Hillside Farm, will exhibit two Dorset rams, four ewes, and four lambs at the Northeastern Pennsylvania sheep breeders' Field Day, Monday at Nepa Headquarters, Tunkhannock. Alex Tough, Hayfield Farm authority on livestock, will show a group of Cheviots. Other local breeders participating are John Perry, Orange; Truman Brunges, Center Moreland.

As an added attraction Kenneth Moore, Bradford County, will show his 2-year-old ram, grand champion at the 1948 Pennsylvania Farm Show. The exhibit will include purebred Dorsets, Cheviots, Shropshires, grade ewes, cross-bred ewes and two Blackfield Highland ewes.

A sheep shearing demonstration and school, run by Robert Stockholm, Montrose will start at 10 a. m. The afternoon will be devoted to the exhibition and judging of sheep. William Connell, State College, an expert on all phases of sheep breeding, will be in charge.

Lehman Band Wins Fourth In Finals

Winning a rating of "good" Lehman High School Band stood fourth among seven contestants in Class C in the State Finals of Pennsylvania Music and Forensic League at Oil City last weekend.

Among the individual winners Wilma Hess, twiner at Dallas Township Schools received a "superior" rating, being one of three twirlers in the State to receive that distinction. Betty Ide of Lehman was among a number of contestants who won an "excellent" rating.

John Miluskas, Lehman senior, won an "excellent" rating as student conductor. Only two other leaders surpassed him with "superior" ratings.

Hundred And Seventy-Five Persons Join Fire Company Within A Week

One hundred and seventy-five new members have joined Shavertown Fire Company within the past two weeks as the result of the company's renewed efforts to have "every citizen a member."

Increase in membership is even more remarkable, because visitation crews have covered only one-third of the community—the area to the left of Main street. Druid Hills and the area to the right is still to be covered.

The company at its last meeting turned down a generous offer for the sale of its fire house and surrounding property. President Ted Poad announced yesterday, "Our property is not for sale. The membership is definitely opposed, feeling that our present location is an excellent one with access to two highways and centrally located for quick response to fire alarms."

Tax Collection Sets New High

105 Have Failed To Pay Personal Taxes

Tax collections in Dallas Borough for the current year are the highest on record according to Arthur R. Dungey, collector. Ninety-five and one-half percent of all property taxes have been paid.

Land returns for the year amounted to \$65.08 on borough taxes and \$1,020 on school taxes. Most of the taxes returned were on vacant lots.

Mr. Dungey said that only 105 persons have failed to pay their \$5 per capita tax, but that steps will be taken immediately to collect them. The new State law makes it mandatory for the collector to attach the husband's wages for both his own and his wife's delinquent per capita. This also entails considerable extra expense and costs for the taxpayer. Delinquents will be given until May 15 before action will be pressed.

Church Honors Fred F. Boote

Grand Old Man Now Ninety-Two

Fred F. Boote, 92-year-old resident of Trucks-ville received a gold lapel cross from Rev. Robert T. Webster at the Morning Services at Trucks-ville Methodist Church. The presentation was a public tribute in recognition of his long and faithful service to the Church.

Mr. Boote was born in England and came to this country in April, 1908. He has been a member of the Trucks-ville Church since July 1909 and served as usher and head usher for 27 years since 1915. He still attends services regularly, weather permitting, although he is deaf and experiences great difficulty in hearing the sermons. He observed his ninety-second birthday anniversary on April 26.

During a 27-year period, 1909-1936, Mr. Boote was head gardener at the Conyngham Estate. He still expresses a love of the soil although he cannot be among his flowers as much as he would like to.

His fondness for walking serves both as entertainment and exercise. He takes long daily walks and is a familiar figure to the residents of the Trucks-ville-Carverton road.

Mr. Boote lives with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Houghwout, Carverton road, Trucks-ville. His granddaughter, Miss Jean Houghwout, is supervisor of Music at Lake Township Schools. He has five sons and two daughters in this country and two brothers in England.

Eight Dallas Students Win Athletic Awards

In a school assembly presentation, seniors Charles Brobst, Glenn Roberts and Paul Shaver were awarded sweaters by Dallas Borough Athletic Association for boys' basketball.

Awarded gold basketballs for the girls team were seniors Beverly Cundiff, Polly Lou Cooper, Joan Gay, Marge Elkins, and Ethel Culp.

To be eligible for awards students must play at least two varsity years. The awards are given annually.