

Public Schools As A Local Responsibility

Washington, D. C., July—One might almost be expected to believe that education of the youth of the country is a National political issue in 1948.

Government statistics show that in 1870 illiteracy in the United States was 20 per cent. The average per cent of illiteracy among native whites in the United States is less than two per cent.

To say that the support of local schools is not the responsibility of the communities in which children live is dodging the issue. It is just as much the duty of parents in small districts to send their children to school as it is to put clothes on their backs and food in their stomachs.

The trouble that exists in nearly every part of the United States is the growing demand that the National Government must furnish the means and money to carry on all kinds of civic responsibilities, including paying the teachers and all the school expenses.

The Federal Government cannot—and will not—do a better job for public schools than local communities.

The Government has not been stingy in its aid of public educational institutions, even though Federal aid and assistance is demanded in nearly every section of the country.

Supposing there are 90,000 one-room schools in this country—what's the answer?

That answer was found a great many years ago when school buses appeared upon the highways and carried pupils to and from consolidated schools, that are now in operation in the United States. The American public is carrying on an adequate school system, and there is no reason why they should shirk their duties by failing to keep their schools in operation.

The States give a good deal of help to support and maintain public schools—and that's the way it should be. A very moderate local tax system has always kept our schools up-to-date.

The National Education Association, meeting at Cleveland, rounded up three thousand teachers and school and college officials and made a demand upon the President of the United States to summon a special session of Congress to pass legislation voting three hundred million dollars in Federal aid to education. That was carrying things too far.

The Nation believes in the public school system and local communities must continue to manage their own business. Local government belongs to local communities that can do a good deal better job than "brass hats" down in Washington.

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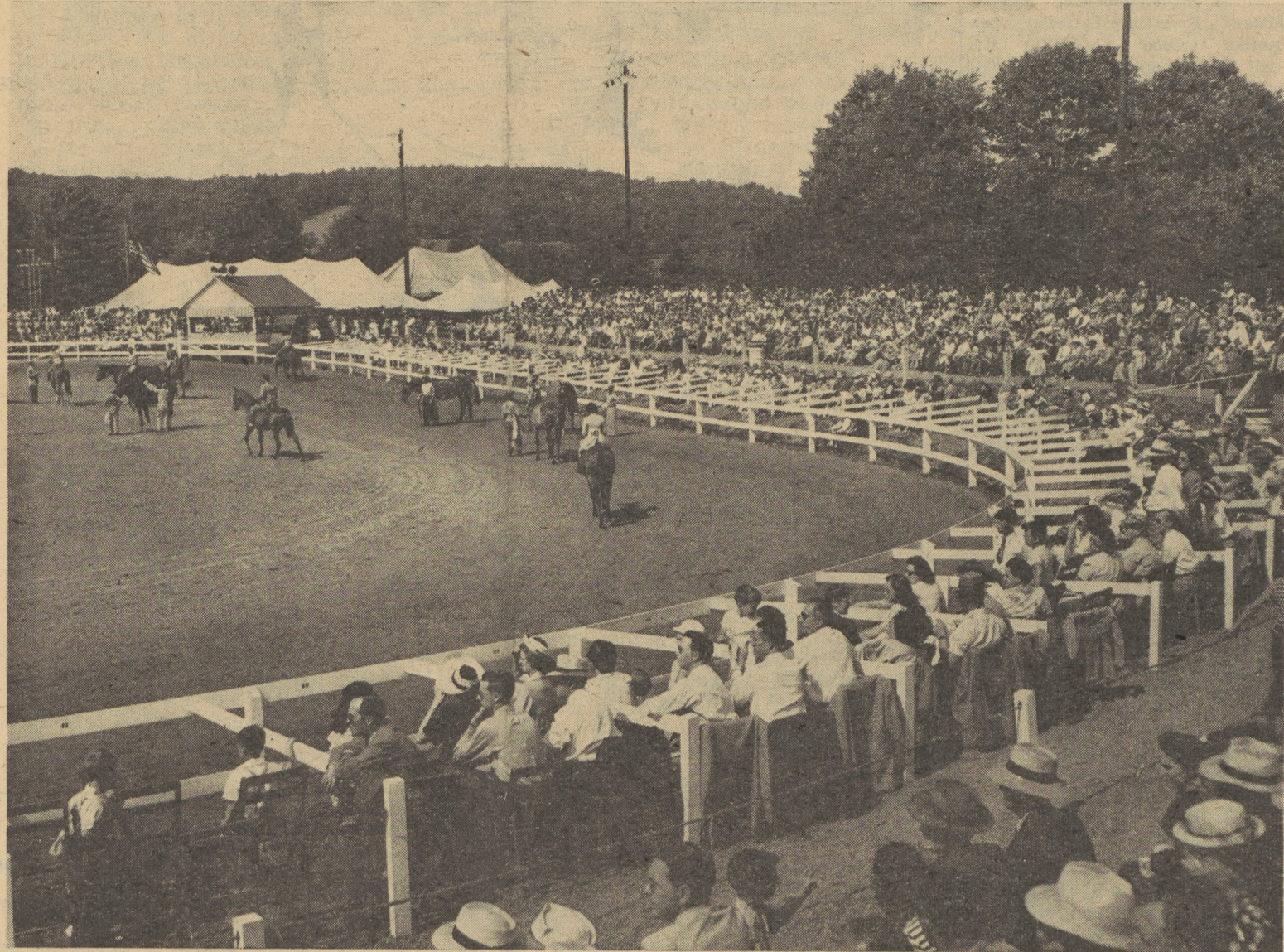
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BOX SCORE
Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious accidents since V-J Day

	Hospitalized	Killed
DALLAS	2	11
LEHMAN	1	1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	20	4
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	1
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
TOTAL	31	17

One Of Nation's Great Horse Shows Opens In This Ring Next Thursday



Here is shown a partial view of the Irem Horse Show ring, boxes and stands taken last year when more than 30,000 persons witnessed the events.

This year the grounds have been improved. Four huge horse stall tents have been moved nearer the ring; grounds are completely enclosed with a new fence, and new roads and a new main entrance has been built.

The new main entrance will be covered with a tent and enclose a ticket booth and entrance aisles similar to those used by large circuses.

There will be eight entrances to the grounds and six parking areas to accommodate 3,000 cars, all will be under supervision of police to prevent traffic congestion.

Ringside seating has been increased to accommodate 5,000 spec-

tators. A feature this year will be a reserved chair section so that seats can be reserved in advance for any performance permitting the purchaser to be sure of a seat no matter when he may come in during the show.

Now one of the largest outdoor shows in the United States, the Irem Show attracts many fine horses from long distances. Last year's winning horse was from De-

troit, Michigan. More than 300 horses have already been entered in this year's nine events. An innovation this year will be two morning shows for junior events.

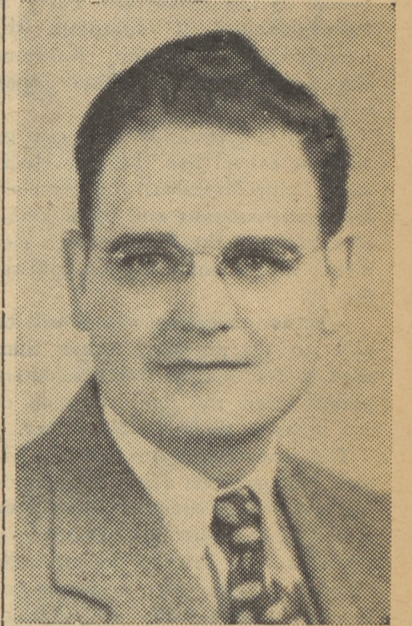
The show will open Thursday with morning, afternoon and evening events. Friday there will be afternoon and evening shows; Saturday, morning, afternoon and evening and on Sunday the final events will be in the afternoon.

H. L. Hendricks Resigns To Go To Millersburg

Lehman Principal Has Taken A Leading Part In Community Life

Howard L. Hendricks, for the past five years supervising principal of Lehman Township Schools, has resigned to accept a similar position in Millersburg schools.

One of the outstanding young schoolmen in this area, Mr. Hendricks' resignation was accepted with regret Tuesday night by Lehman School Board after it had confirmed his written resignation by long distance telephone conversation with him in New York where he is one of 40 educators invited



H. L. HENDRICKS

to attend the Seventh annual Workshop at Teachers' College, Columbia University.

"My heart would tell me to stay at Lehman", Mr. Hendricks said, "but my head tells me that for my future professional success and the well-being of my family, I must move on."

Millersburg is located 27 miles northeast of Harrisburg and is a town of 2,959 population. One of the State's Teachers' Colleges is located there. The public school system has 29 teachers as compared to Lehman's 21 and has a much larger student enrollment.

"Although salary is not the prime consideration", Mr. Hendricks said, "the position pays \$5,500." At Lehman he received \$4,175 having started there in July, 1943 at a salary of \$2,800.

In making the announcement of Mr. Hendricks' resignation, Lewis Ide, Board secretary, said, "Adequate salaries is one of the things the small school district has to contend with. I have no doubt that the Lehman Board would have matched this salary, but we do not want to stand in the way of a fine administrator's professional advancement."

Since coming to Lehman from Springville, Susquehanna County, where he was principal, Mr. Hendricks has advanced the standing of Lehman Schools. The school cafeteria, considered one of the best in the State, was started under his supervision. The elementary school has been reorganized and a library installed for elementary grade use. Modern playground equipment has been installed and a sick room established in the elementary building.

In addition to his work in the schools, he has taken an active leadership in community life being president of Lehman Volunteer Fire Company, vice president of Back Mountain Memorial Library Association and teacher of the men's Bible Class at Lehman Methodist Church. Last year he was chosen "Man of the Year" in the Back Mountain Area by the vote of civic, fraternal service and church groups. For the past two years he has been general chairman of Lehman Horse Show.

He is one of several outstanding educators who have guided the development of Lehman schools. His immediate predecessor, H. A. Snyder is now supervising principal of Sayre Schools. O. H. Aurand and John Cartwright (hired by the Board but who never served as principal) and Mr. Hendricks are the three Pennsylvania educators invited to attend the Columbia Workshop this summer; and Lester B. Squire, who served before Mr. Hendricks.

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FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

Well, it's all over for another year. That Library Auction furnished a lot of fun for the bidders and for the people who came along for the buggy-ride; but it meant the hardest kind of work for the folks who carried the ball. The members of the committee worked their heads off, but the results were so far superior to those attained last year that the grind and the resultant headaches were well worth while.

A community project is a most revealing thing. It is amazing to see how quickly traits of character show themselves, branding the owner as civic-minded or self-centered, thoughtful or thoughtless, tactful or rough-shod.

As a rule, the people who carry the burden of community projects such as the Library Auction are willing to submerge their own wishes and desires in consideration of the greatest good to the greatest number; for the very traits which lead to success in an undertaking are also those which recognize the need for cooperation and genuine team-work.

The people who sat back and allowed George to do the work were the only ones who had time or breath to voice complaints. The workers were too busy to crab.

There are always a few people in any community who, like the deathless Mrs. Cumbridge, "feel it worse". If these unfortunate souls are attending a clambake, smoke gets in their eyes, searching them out to the farthest corner of the picnic grounds. If they have not provided themselves with umbrellas, showers can be expected. Pigeons resting on window ledges save their choicest ammunition for these chosen few. At an auction, somebody else semaphores wildly, raises the bid by two bits, and goes off with the prize.

Several of these unhappy folks, cheated of their ambition to get an article of real value for a dollar and a half, have expressed themselves as wondering why members of the committee should have been allowed to bid at all. Why, they wonder, can't the committee content itself with doing all the dirty work, lugging heavy stones around, cleaning the barn and premises after the sale, and in general amusing itself in simple ways?

Bidders who raised an article by ten-cent jumps have been heard to take exception to having somebody else bid up the article to a figure approximately what it might bring at a fire-sale.

Yes indeed, several choice objects were bought in by members of the committee. Why? Because the auctioneer knocks the article down to the highest bidder. The library auction sale is held for the benefit of the library, and the library needs substantial funds. There would be no earthly reason for holding a money-raising auction if everything went for a song. Members of the Committee have as much right to place a bid as anybody else on the grounds.

A good many substantial articles of furniture did go for a song. Even Harry Ohlman, with his positive genius for extracting the last drop of blood from a turnip by his persuasive voice, his ready line of

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Weaver Will Direct Local Band School

Kingston Township Schools, will conduct a band school during August, directed by Verus M. Weaver, Supervisor of Music.

All students and alumni, who are interested in music will be eligible to participate. The schedule includes group and individual instruction on all instruments, band rehearsals, a beginners' instrumental group, and one day each week for those interested in baton twirling.

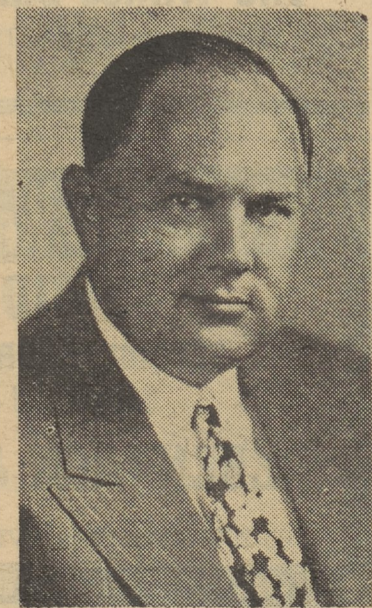
Registration day will be Monday, August 2, beginning at 9:00 at the High School. Schedules will be given out on that date.

Plan Summer Outing

Final plans for the annual summer outing will be made at the meeting of Harvey's Lake Camp No. 274, United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania on Monday night at Herman Kern's Tavern.

Purchase Auto Business

Daniel Richards, Goss Manor and Lyden Connors of Wilkes-Barre have purchased the Reo Truck & Bus Agency located at 52 Wood Street, Wilkes-Barre. The firm, formerly owned by the late Earl MacCallum, has truck and automobile distributorships in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Until recently Mr. Richards was with H. A. Whitman Paper Company. Mr. Connors was formerly manager of Reo Truck & Bus Agency.



DENTON D. DURLAND

D.D. Durland is captain of Irem Temple Mounted Patrol, sponsor of Irem Temple Horse Show. This is the fourth year the show has been run under his leadership. Profits go to the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children.

Make Application For Higher Water Rates

Twenty-Five Per Cent Increase Will Go In Effect On October 1

Water rates for consumers in the Back Mountain Area served by Dallas and Shavertown Water Companies will be increased approximately 25% on October 1 if a new rate schedule filed this week with Public Utility Commission at Harrisburg is approved.

New rates will help to offset increased costs of operation and give the companies a fair return on their investment the owners contend. Last year the Shavertown Company operated at a \$440.32 loss.

New Dallas Rates

Under the new schedule, consumers served by the Dallas Company will have their water bills increased as follows: the rate for first hydrant is increased from \$16 in Parrish Heights and from \$17 in other areas to \$21 per annum in all territory.

The rates for hot and cold water in kitchen sink when other connections are in use, such as bath, toilet, etc., are increased from \$12 to \$16 per annum.

A rate of \$6 is established for pave wash (outside hose connection). This results in an increase for consumers now having such fixtures without charge. The rate for fire hydrants is established at \$30 per annum. Metered rates and all others remain unchanged.

Shavertown Rates

In Shavertown, rates for first hydrant are increased from \$15 to \$21 per annum. Rates for hot and cold water in kitchen sink when other connections are in use, such as bath, toilet etc., are increased from \$11 to \$16 per annum. Pave wash \$6. Rates for fire hydrants are fixed at \$30 each.

Of the 642 consumers served by the Dallas Company, 72 will be effected by the first hydrant rates; 525 will be effected by rates for hot and cold water in kitchen sink, and 117 by the pave wash rates. Of the 498 consumers served by Shavertown Water Company, 15 will be effected by the

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Hundreds Enjoy Firemen's Fair

\$50 Prizes Tonight; Soap Derby Saturday

Approximately 450 persons attended the roast beef dinner which opened Truckville Firemen's Fair at Truckville last night. The fair will continue tonight and tomorrow and will be climaxed tomorrow evening with the finals in the Soap Box Derby for boys, and with the awarding of more than \$1,000 in prizes.

The hundreds who visited the Fair last night found the grounds, booths and lighting greatly improved over previous years. The whole lighting system has been changed and 23 extra extensions added by William Strange, fair electrician.

There were booths, bingo, fish ponds and pony rides and a whirl of activity throughout the evening. Prizes were better than ever before.

Tonight a \$50 door prize will be awarded and tomorrow entries in the Soap Box Derby will gather at 3:30 at the fire hall for final instructions. Preliminary races will be run at 4 o'clock with the semifinals and finals at 7. Prizes will

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Mary E. Still, War Nurse, Dies

Miss Mary E. Still, 65, of Dallas, who was an Army nurse during World War I, passed away at 3:30 Wednesday morning in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for the past nine weeks.

Miss Still was a native and lifelong resident of Dallas, being born September 1, 1882, a daughter of the late Gilbert D. and Josephine Kunkle Still. She was graduated from the Vassar Brothers Hospital, N. Y., and served two years in France with the Army Nursing Corps during the first world war. She was a member of Dallas Methodist Church.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Caroline S. Boteler, of Waukesha, Wis.; her stepmother, Mrs. G. D. Still, who is blind; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 from the Brickell Funeral Home with Rev. James Hilbert, pastor of Alderson Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be in Warden Cemetery, Dallas, where military services will be conducted by Daddow-Isaacs Post, American Legion of Dallas.

A Letter Of Appreciation

July 20, 1948

Dear Dallas Post:

May I ask yet more of your valuable space of which you have given so generously to our Library Auction?

It is truly our Library Auction for it has become a wonderful community undertaking in which every one joins because all are interested in their Back Mountain Memorial Library.

The thrills of those two days are still with me. They are lasting ones—the thrill of the interested, persistent crowds; the thrill of the auctioneer's voice; the thrill of the generosity of those who gave that vast variety of articles to be sold or auctioned off; the bake sale goods and the grand food. But most of all is the thrill of the devotion and co-operation of all those splendid men and women who so valiantly gave of their time, and strength and lent their resources—who worked so untiringly before and during the two long days. To them is due the success of the auction.

And what an incredible success it was! Words are inadequate to express the depth of my appreciation of the superb people of our Back Mountain region, of my pride in living among them.

Most sincerely,
Frances Dorrance, President
The Back Mountain Memorial Library Association

Pictures Available

The many fine pictures of Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction which appeared in last week's issue of The Post were the work of Elwood Hudson of Truckville. Because of space limitations, only a few of the photographs taken by Mr. Hudson were used. Any of the pictures may be obtained by calling Mr. Hudson or by calling The Post. They are 75c each.

Flower Show On August 25

Lake Folk Schedule Eighth Annual Event

Eighth Annual Flower Show of Alderson Methodist Church will be held at the Lake High School Auditorium the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, August 25 from 3:00 to 10:00 P.M.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Church is sponsoring the display, with Mrs. Gilbert Carpenter as chairman. Alan G. Kistler is chairman of arrangements.

Mrs. George W. Carey and Frank Jackson are co-chairmen of judges and will soon appoint six horticulturists who will place blue, red, or yellow ribbons on the many amateur exhibits that will be shown at this annual affair.

Entry classification sheets will be distributed at Alderson Methodist Church this Sunday to any exhibitor who wishes to display his favorite flowers. Over 200 varieties will be eligible for entry.

The public is invited to participate and any one not receiving a classification list Sunday will have one sent to him if he phones either of the four chairman mentioned above, or calls at the parsonage of Rev. James Hilbert next door to the church.

The doors of the school auditorium will be opened at 8:00 the morning of the exhibit so participants may arrange the display they wish judged, and will close at 12 noon. No exhibit will be received after that hour. The doors will be re-opened at 3:00 P.M. for participants and the public.

Enrolled At Ohio State

Ralph Eddinger, East Dallas, is enrolled at Ohio State University.