

"The Totem Pole"

Harrisburg, September 30—We never saw a red-headed Indian before—that is not until the other day when we ran into the good skipper of the Pennsylvania Navy, one Governor James H. Duff.

We asked Grampaw Pettibone if he had ever seen such an Indian. He scratched his head, thought intently for a few moments and replied, "No, son—can't say that I have."

There was one down in Chester County—but no he was a bald-headed Indian. Harrumpf. What are you trying to do—kid me, Bub?"

We assured him we were not and then showed him a copy of the column "Talks With The Editor", appearing in the weekly Leader-Vindicator, of New Bethlehem, written by Editor B. E. Phillips, wherein Brother Phillips in a most interesting fashion related how Governor Duff became an Indian.

It seems that during the recent pow-pow in New Castle where Northwest Sportsmen gave a testimonial dinner in honor of Fish Commissioner Charles French, a passel (20) of Indians from the Seneca Tribe of Northern Pennsylvania were on hand.

These Indians went through quite a song and dance, according to Editor Phillips who witnessed the affair, and in the middle of all the commotion a young brave rushed into the room to inform those present that he had found two white men. These white men, according to Indian tradition and custom must needs be brought before Indian gentry and "put through their paces to determine whether they were worthy to become adopted Indians."

Whisked into the Indian council were none other than French and Governor Duff, who after being put through their paces were adopted into the tribe. Hence we now have a red-headed Indian as Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Leader-Vindicator's Phillips hit the proverbial nail on its well-worn head when he commented on the affair: "I was a little disappointed in the behavior of the audience while these two white men were being adopted into the Indian tribe. There was much laughter, not raucous nor ribald in intent or effect. But really I thought of it as a most solemn occasion."

"All that these Indians have is their past, and the present for them is to live the past over and over again. To them the past is

sacred. And so I thought the audience of nearly a thousand white people should have been quiet and thoughtful as these earnest red people, performed their dances and ceremonies with a fidelity and intentness that would shame the most of us for the easy going ways we have with things sacred and holy."

Possibly one of the greatest tributes to these and other Indians who once ruled our land is the fact that both Commissioner French and Governor Duff—forgetting politics and other serious business at hand—took the whole affair with deadly seriousness.

The Governor is proud of the honor bestowed upon him by these humble Indians. Even his opponents agree for the most part that he has the courage and the stamian of many an old Indian chieftain or brave—which gives him the will to do what he thinks is right regardless of political stress. He is one of the few such Governors Pennsylvania has had—and it may bring the wrath of political destruction down on this red-headed adopted Indian.

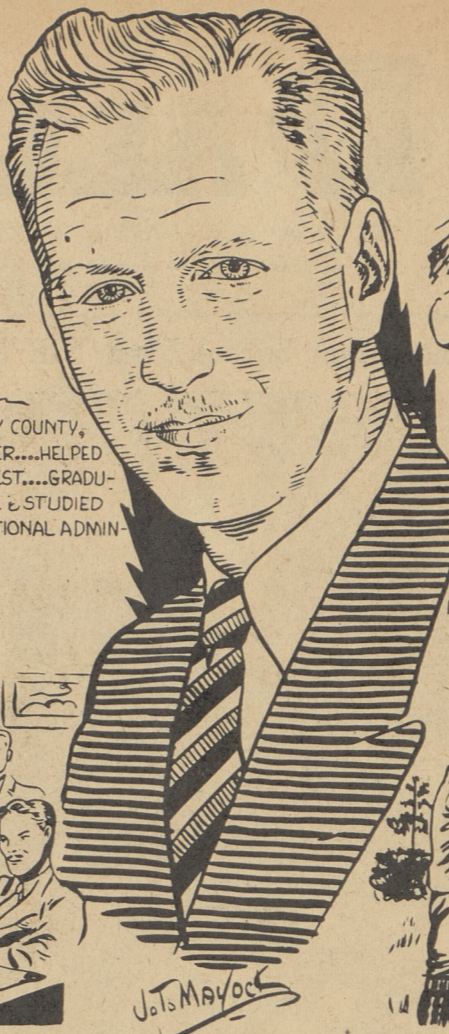
Mrs. Harold Payne Is Hostess To S. S. Class

Mrs. Harold Payne entertained members of the Durbin Sunday School Class of Dallas Methodist Church at her home at Harvey's Lake Friday evening. Plans were made for the bazaar to be held in the Church Social Rooms November 12. Next month's meeting will be at the home of Mrs. John Roberts.

Present were: Miss Josephine Stem, Mrs. Thomas Cease, Mrs. Jack Barnes, Mrs. Philip Cheney, Mrs. Daniel R. Richards, Mrs. C. S. Wileman, Mrs. R. E. VanHorn, Miss Mildred Devens, Mrs. Joseph Schurz, Mrs. Lettie Culver, Mrs. J. G. Maza, Mrs. Richard Sowden, Mrs. David Jenkins, Mrs. John Yapple, Mrs. Della Thompson, Mrs. Rose Lewin, Mrs. L. L. Richardson, Mrs. Alton Sprout, Mrs. Nort Bert, Mrs. R. E. Kuhnert, Mrs. R. M. Bodycomb, Mrs. Harry Snyder, Mrs. James Huston, Mrs. Willard Hoover, Mrs. Howard Bailey, Mrs. Milford Shaver and the hostess.



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Mrs. Martha Stanton Is Hostess to Bible Class

Mrs. Martha Stanton entertained members of the Ladies Adult Bible Class of Orange recently. Present were: Mrs. Ella Mathers, Mrs. Mary Emmanuel, Mrs. Mable Gay, Mrs. Elizabeth Risch, Mrs. Daisy Webb, Mrs. Mable Bell, Mrs. Florence Rosse, Mrs. Nora Dymond, Mrs. Emma Perregio, Mrs. Gertie Perry, Mrs. Mary Sickler and the hostess.

Mrs. Daisy Webb was welcomed as a new member.

Mrs. Edward Elston Is Hostess to Card Club

Mrs. Edward Elston of Lehman entertained members of her card club at her home on Thursday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. Charles Nuss and Mrs. Lewis Ide. Others present were: Mrs. Francis Lewis, Mrs. Clyde Cooper, Mrs. Alfred Bronson, Mrs. George Stolarick, Mrs. Bryce Major and the hostess.

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Thomas Swire, Guest At Birthday Party

Thomas Swire was guest of honor at a party given by his sisters, Mrs. M. A. Scott, Mrs. Harry Becker, and Mrs. Oscar Culp at the Scott home September 25 to celebrate his birthday anniversary. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swire, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Swire, Mrs. Edith Steltz, Mr. and Mrs. George Swire, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Culp, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Scott Jr., and children, and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Scott.

SAFETY VALVE

WANTS LOCAL TEACHERS

Editor The Post: Have we no teachers in the Back Mountain Region competent to teach first grade? I am impressed with the fact that we are able to find them in Lee Park, Plains and Wilkes-Barre, but I also know that there are competent women in our midst who can teach first grade, and who take an interest in our own community by serving on committees, taking active part in our women's clubs, library, church and other community endeavors.

We go outside to hire teachers when we have competent teachers here who will remain on the job because their homes are here.

Many of those from outside who teach in our schools are interested only in a job. They take no part in our community life and they never will. They will leave us just as soon as they get a better job elsewhere.

I'm all for hiring local people as teachers when we have competent ones in our midst. It seems to me that people who have lived here most of their lives deserve that break.

Respectfully—A. P.

UNSELFISH CITIZEN

Editor The Post: Regarding recent article on Joe MacVeigh. May I compliment you on the subject. Joe has repeatedly aided the U. S. Navy and as Admiral J. L. Kauffman's personal representative I should like you and others to know that the work of men like MacVeigh who accept jobs without salary such as Draft Board assignments, Community Chest drives and scores of other community activities does not go unnoticed.

Lt. John F. Kenny UNR.

Mrs. Leon M. Fredd Entertains Club

Mrs. L. M. Fredd of Shrineview entertained members of the Harmony Club of Demunds at their recent meeting. Present were: Mrs. Weldon Carle, Mrs. Ira Frantz, Miss Margaret Malarky, Mrs. Dorothy Lavin, Mrs. Carl Smith, Mrs. J. J. Voitok, Mrs. John Perry, Mrs. William Rozelle, Mrs. Henry Phillips, Mrs. Byron Kester, Mrs. Harry A. Swebpenheiser, Sr., Harry Swebpenheiser, Jr., and the hostess. Next Meeting will be held October 14 with Mrs. Willard Race and Mrs. Russell Race as hostesses.

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Barnyard Notes

"O, it sets my heart a clinkin' like the tickin' of a clock. When the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder's in the shock"—James Whitcomb Riley.

Sunflowers furnish their own reward, beside providing a shield for the weekend gardener. Saturday morning as we walked from the house to the shop, a cheerful chirping greeted us from the high stalks along the edge of the garden. A flock of goldfinches had settled there and were busily feasting on the sunflower heads that Myra had planted. From now until snow covers every available seed, the sunflowers will be the picnic table for flocks of migrating songsters. If you are interested in attracting a variety of birds, plant sunflowers next season.

The fifteen pullets we bought a week ago from Jack Richardson have also learned to fly over the chicken coop fence to feast on the ripening sunflowers that surround the chicken yard; partly, we suppose, because the old hens won't yet allow them near the grain feeders. Evenings neighbor Scureman and Sandy help us to find the stragglers in the blackberry thicket and put them back safely on the roost. One of these evenings we'll have to clip their wings.

Brisk night air reminds us that we'll have to order some birch logs from Nort Bert. They'll burn brightly in the fireplace and provide wood ashes for next season's rose bed.

All the begonias have been carried into the hot house to save their remaining brilliant blossoms for a few short weeks beyond the frost date. They will bloom no longer than that no matter what we do. Then we'll withhold water, turn the pots on their sides, let the stems wither and die, and save the bulbs for planting next January and February. Nothing can beat tuberous rooted begonias for variety and color of bloom; but they are fragile and break easily if set out in a spot unprotected from sweeping winds. If you order them, be sure to insist on bulbs one and one-half inch in diameter—and don't buy cheap ones. They aren't worth planting.

Wednesday, Mrs. Clifford Fink sent us a beautiful bouquet of sweet peas from her garden. If there are other sweet pea growers who can beat that, we'd like to hear about it. Ours died down in August.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday were beautiful fall days. Just the proper amount of sunshine and tang in the air, with the maples turning crimson along Huntsville dam below Fred Brokenshire's farm. If we could only grow old as gracefully as the seasons, old age would be the most beautiful period of life.

"Why is it?" Samuel Taylor Coleridge once asked "that so many persist in thinking that autumn is a sad season? Nature has merely fallen asleep, and her dreams must be beautiful, if we are to judge by her countenance."

John Reedy's pruning system and our modern spraying schedule has produced a bumper crop of grapes on our vines. John did a dandy pruning job last February, but we couldn't find time to apply a single spray all season. Year before last we sprayed diligently and regularly. Result—black spot spared us only a third of a crop. Last year we followed the same schedule. Result—we had a bumper crop on the vines, but the heavy frost ruined the harvest. There wasn't a single grape fit to eat. This year without benefit of any spray and left to their own resources the grapes have produced a bountiful crop. The ways of nature are strange, indeed.

Sunday afternoon John proudly showed us his flock of fifteen turkeys raised on a wire roost at the Wyckoff place where he spends the season from March until mid-November. The turkeys are such pets that we don't see how he'll have the heart to kill them for Thanksgiving tables. Joe Peterson was along, and stuck his finger through the wire. He learned something about turkeys. He'll probably be glad to help John with the slaughter. Especially since a few minutes later he found a dozen nice turkey feathers near the pen. A young Indian is best in fall when he can find a few feathers for his headdress.

Indian summer. Do you remember McCutcheon's famous cartoon in the Chicago Tribune? Two panels—one depicting a shock of corn against an autumn moon with two little boys wistfully looking at it; the other depicting what they saw in imagination—an Indian tepee with savages doing a war dance around it. Indian Summer has a different meaning after you've passed childhood.

Nothing has made him happier or cheered Ralph Rood more since he has been ill than two cards he received a day or so ago. One was from the sophomore class of Dallas Borough High School signed by every one of them. The other was from Barry and Faith Elaine Edwards and THUNDER. Ralph hasn't seen Thunder since the Sunday afternoon Dewey loaded him in the rear seat of his open Hudson and with Barry following astride Flicka drove over to Mrs. Schooley's place to put them out to pasture for the summer. Thunder would remember Ralph even if he has grown into a strapping colt by now. Kids, colts and dogs have a way of remembering Ralph.

At mealtimes, Mike, his Gordon setter, refuses to go into the dining room with the others until he has made three or four trips up stairs to his master's bed to see why he, too, doesn't come down to meals.

Alfred D. Bronson

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