

**KEROSENE CAN KILL!**

Misuse of kerosene, or coal oil, causes hundreds of deaths each year, to say nothing of a heavy waste in property. And most of the damage is done in rural areas, where kerosene heating appliances are widely used.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters has issued some sound advice on how to reduce this hazard. First and most important, kerosene should never be used to start fires. The liquid vaporizes when poured into a warm stove, and this vapor may explode, igniting clothing and furniture. Injury, death and destruction may then follow.

Kerosene, like other liquid fuels, is frequently used in portable, open-flame heaters. It is all-important that these devices be cleaned frequently, be handled with care, and repaired at once when defects appear. They should never be filled indoors. They should be placed where they will not be accidentally knocked over. And—of paramount importance—they should never be used in tightly-closed rooms, or left burning in bedrooms after the occupants have retired, because of the asphyxiation hazard.

Precautions such as these, simple as they are, show the road to safety from fire. And fire can be prevented. For example, Elizabethtown, Pa., with a population of 5,000, has had but one home fire in fifty years. Such fire prevention is the result of constant vigilance, and a strong sense of individual responsibility on the part of everyone who lives there. All communities, if they have the will, can emulate this splendid example.

**FROM  
PILLAR TO POST**

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

With the mind inevitably turning toward the toy department at this season of the rolling year, it occurs to me to ask whatever became of the good old fashioned doll, the one that featured no biological frills, not even a blatted "Mama" when inverted or paddled? There used to be rows and rows of such dimpled darlings on the toy shelves, dolls which smiled quietly and serenely, dolls which left something to the imagination of the happy child who found one tied to the tree or inserted snugly into the top of the Christmas stocking hanging before the fireplace.

There is a growing tendency to duplicate nature all too faithfully. There is something faintly shocking to a descendant of Puritan ancestry in the newest type of doll, the one which has been sweeping the country and taking the toy buyers by storm for the last few years. Delicately speaking, you put it in one end and get it out of the other. Then the conscientious Little Mother rinses out the damp diaper and pins it to the line. This is supposed to give the L. M. a great kick, but does it? After washing a dozen sets of diapers in quick succession, the L. M. begins to reflect, in company with her older and much machiner sister, that life is just one diaper after another. At this point she excavates in the toy-box, finds year-before-last's Christmas doll, the model with no biological tendencies, and relaxes. This old doll, is the restrained type, asking nothing more than to be rocked and cuddled.

Like a mechanical train which is discarded when the spring is broken or the key lost, in favor of the old wooden job which can be pushed around with much chuffing and blowing and whistling on the part of the pusher, the bottsy-baby or the wetsy-petsy, or whatever the trade name happens to be, loses its attraction after it loses its novelty. A wetsy-petsy calls for a bottsy, and inevitably following the bottsy there is that sopping diaper to rinse. Ho-hum. There isn't much you can do with a wetsy-petsy except mop it up, and mopping up grows tiresome in play as in real life.

Then there is always that variation on the theme. Sooner or later the L. M. experiments with a bottsy of real milk. After about three feedings of real milk the didie-dolly develops a pronounced case of B. O. Cottage cheese, day before yesterday's cottage cheese, confined in a small space and exposed to room temperature, gets whiffy.

And don't delude yourself for an instant that the bottsy-baby or the wetsy-petsie, or the didie-dolly is referred to by those euphonious terms among the members of the pinafore set. These dolls are called casually by the simplest of Anglo-Saxon monogyllables used as an adjective. Your little treasure has never been exposed to such terms, perish the thought? Skip it and be your age. Children, no matter how treasureous, absorb such words by a process of osmosis the instant they enter the portals of the local school, whther it be public or private. The recent trend in toys, including the very latest thing in toy dogs, the one featuring a zipper which unzips to discharge a litter of puppies, does nothing to combat the osmotic action.

Let's use a little common sense in the selection of the Christmas toys.

**Truckville PTA**

Truckville Elementary School PTA will meet Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Fire Hall. Hostesses will be parents of Miss Weidner's room, with Mrs. Allan Grey as chairman. Every one is urged to attend.

**Township Seniors  
To Give Comedy**

Members of the Senior Class of Dallas Township High School will present a three act comedy, "Act Your Age" December 10 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium under the direction of Miss Margaret Kane and Daniel Williams.

The cast includes: Jacqueline Mahoney, Charlotte Peeke, Barbara Hope, Irene Wilson, Mariella Sullivan, Clara Ann Evans, Lee Honeywell, David Parsons and Edward McCusker.

Committee chairmen are: properties, Florence Tondora; prompters, Peggy Gramley; stage crew, Jean Hart; stage managers, Donald Flanagan and Harry Bellas; program, Charles Prudhoe; usherettes, Shirley Martin; publicity, Elizabeth Stoffla; make-up, Pat Carpenter. The Bellas and Brace Orchestra will play between acts.

**Robert Lewis and  
Martin Shock Jailed**

Two men are being held in connection with the robbery of a Ross street, Wilkes-Barre repair shop.

Listed as Robert Lewis, 25 of Alderson RD 1, and Martin Stook, 21, Shawanese, they were taken into custody on Saturday by Detectives Stanley Raykowitz and George Williams, with the cooperation of Chief Fred Swanson of Harvey's Lake, and State Troopers, Frank Werner, Melvin Mosier.

Police said Lewis and Stook came to Wilkes-Barre Saturday night, November 13 and that Lewis is forced the door of the Harry Cohen Shop, 16 East Ross street.

Lewis, police said removed a machine and papers from the shop and placed them in the automobile driven by Lewis to Wilkes-Barre.

The shop owner returned to ascertain whether he had locked the door, and saw Lewis leave the shop and go to the machine, police said.

On sighting the shop owner, Lewis and Stook left the machine, believed to have been stolen, and disappeared.

Both men are now in Luzerne County Prison awaiting trial.

**Eight Motorists  
Pass Red Lights**

Police Chief Louis Banta, reports that eight tickets have been issued to motorists this week who have gone through the red light at Shavertown.

Banta said drivers are beginning to speed up again on that section of the highway and that tickets will be issued until the speed limit and the traffic light are respected.

**A Real Sportsman!**

A fine buck, special friend of the D. L. Edwards family, who used to drive to their farm at dusk to watch him and his companions caper and cavort, was maliciously shot Monday morning and degouted right by the house—though the land was thoroughly posted.

The same kind of sport who chooses the loveliest bit of countryside for his Sunday picnic—then leaves the garbage and eggshells as calling cards!

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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	
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP		2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>

**Four Involved  
In Collisions**

**Main Street Bad  
Place On Saturday**

Main Street, Dallas, was the scene of two automobile accidents early Saturday evening.

The first at 4:55, involved cars owned by Peter Bedford, 195 West Broad Street, Nanticoke, and John Edford 46½ Penn Street, Kingston.

Edford was backing out of the driveway at Oliver's Garage when his car was struck by Bedford's, travelling south on Main Street.

Edford's car escaped damage, while the right front fender of Bedford's car was damaged to the extent of \$50.

The second accident at 7:30, involved the taxicab of Alexander McCullough, Jackson Street, Dallas, and the car of William Whipp, Church Street, Dallas.

Whipp was travelling north on Main Street and McCullough was coming down Huntsville Road when the cars collided at the intersection.

Damage to the left front fender and wheel of Whipp's car amounted to \$100, while damage to the taxicab, including the right fender and grille amounted to \$75.

**Mrs. Clyde Cooper Heads  
Woman's Kiwanis Club**

Mrs. Clyde Cooper was chosen president at the meeting of Women of Kiwanis held at the country Club last week. Other officers: first vice-president, Mrs. Charles Smith, second vice president, Mrs. Kenneth Rice, treasurer, Mrs. David Joseph, recording secretary, Mrs. J. W. Reardin, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Walter Elston.

Birthday gifts were given by Mrs. Robert Hale and Mrs. Herbert Griesing and won by Mrs. Reardin and Mrs. Cooper.

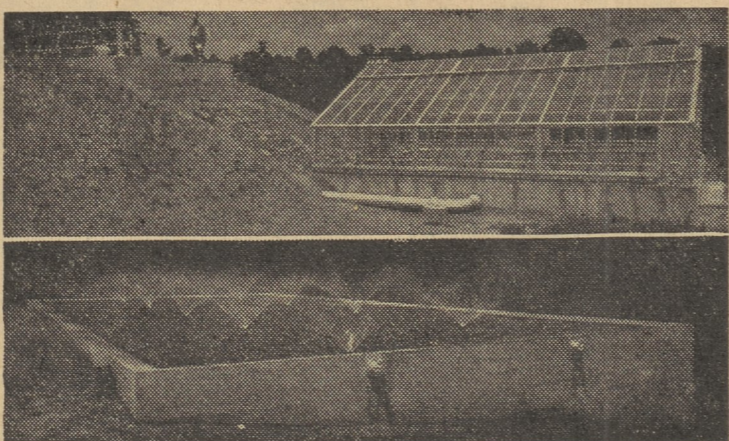
Mrs. Frank Werner, Mrs. Robert Hale and Mrs. David Joseph participated in the program. Mrs. Jack Laux entertained with vocal selections accompanied by Mrs. William Baker. Mrs. Sherman Harter was welcomed as a new member. Committee members for the next meeting will be Mrs. Fred Anderson, Mrs. Melvin Mosier and Mrs. Sam Thompson.

Present were: Mesdames Clyde Cooper, Leroy Troxell, Al Shafer, Herbert Griesing, Walter Elston, J. W. Reardin, Clarence Shaver, Stephen Panetti, Earl Hess, Robert Hale, Donald Harris, Sherman Harter, Kenneth Rice, Charles Smith, Fred Anderson, H. A. Smith, Frank Werner, Melvin Mosier, Jack Laux, William Baker, John Henninger, David Joseph.

**To Elect Officers**

Officers for the coming year will be nominated at the meeting of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company on Friday night, December 10.

**Misericordia's \$32,000 Disposal Plant**



Newly constructed sewage treatment plant at College Misericordia, has recently been placed in complete operation, providing abatement of pollution at the headwaters of Toby's Creek. Construction of the plant was undertaken voluntarily by the college in advancement of the Clean Streams drive of the State Sanitary Water Board.

The treatment system comprises an Imhoff tank, in which solids are settled out and from which the liquid passes to an aeration sprinkling bed where further removal of impurities takes place. The solid material is drained from the Imhoff tank to a glass covered sludge bed and, after drying, is removed to a dump or may be used as fertilizer.

From the spraying bed the liquid passes to a final settling tank

**Wilkes Students Plan Cuban Holiday**



Mary Porter, 91 Shaver avenue, Shavertown, seated at the extreme right, has been selected as one of the eight students comprising the committee arranging for the third annual Christmas vacation tour of Cuba by Spanish students of Wilkes College and their friends.

Miss Porter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Porter, is majoring in social studies leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree at Wilkes College. She is directing the itinerary for

the tour which will begin the day after Christmas and include visits to historical and educational locales in Cuba. The trip will be made from Wilkes-Barre to Philadelphia by bus, then to Miami by train and from there by airplane to Havana, Cuba.

Returning from Havana to Washington, D. C. by air, the students will arrive on the Wilkes College campus by bus from the nation's capitol on January 2.

Other members of the committee, pictured with Miss Porter, seated left to right, are Lorna D. Coughlin, Forty Fort, Lois W. DeGrew, Butler, N. J., and Miss Porter. Standing: Arthur Spengler, Kingston, Ned McGhee, Shamokin; Richard Todd, Wilkes-Barre, Michael Ficke Jr., Blakely, Miss Martha Silseth, instructor of Spanish at Wilkes College, and Virginia D. Meissner, Kingston.

**Future Farmers  
Confer Degrees**

**Honor Charles Long  
And Luther Hunter**

Nineteen candidates received degrees and two received honorary degrees, at the meeting of Future Farmers of America held at Lehman High School Tuesday evening.

Charles Long, Sweet Valley farm machinery dealer, who sponsors the chapter's annual award consisting of a gold wrist watch, and Luther Hunter, who has aided the chapter in various ways, particularly in getting the Purebred Duroc Swine Club organized, received the honorary degrees.

Students on whom degrees were conferred were: Lehman Chapter, R. L. Ruble, adviser; Donald Bombick, Thomas Roberts, Frederick Disque, Art Carichner, Carl Rood, Joseph Ginter, Phil Scavone and Donald Gross; Dallas Township, Sheldon Mosier, adviser; Andrew Mattie, Willard Race, Anthony Sosnowski, Robert Parrish and Joe Shields; Laketon, C. W. Paden, adviser, Ronald Traver, Bernard Sult, Forest Sorber, Ted Rankowsky and Leonard Harding.

**Christmas Trees Appearing Now  
In Pennsylvania Communities**

A six million dollar Pennsylvania seasonal industry has again "opened its doors for business" with the annual sale of Christmas greens beginning early by popular demand.

Cut trees, as a rule, do not begin to appear on street corners for retail sale until well after the Thanksgiving holidays, but this year demands upon growers have stepped-up some shipments by at least two weeks.

Early displays by merchants of gifts and toys are believed to be the major reason for early cutting and shipments.

The State Department of Forests and Waters is prohibited by law from growing or distributing trees for commercial Christmas tree sale, but the Commonwealth nonetheless maintains a deep interest in the numbers and types of any trees that are cut for any purpose.

Based upon the studies of cutting practices the Department has estimated approximately 2,260,000 trees will be cut for Christmas decorations.

They will represent a commercial valuation of about \$5,500,000.

This does not include strings of laurel, crowsfoot, bittersweet or redberry branches, wreaths of holly, tree-tops or branches. This type of decoration may reach a value of another half-million dollars.

For Pennsylvania's Christmas tree this year, 17 different species will be offered for sale, with the Balsam Fir, shipped into this State—not cut here—as probably the most popular. The Department estimates 44 per cent of the total Christmas trees will be Balsam Fir.

Of the local, or Pennsylvania variety, the Scotch Pine, will account for another 20 per cent of the total number used.

Other species include Red Pine, Norway Spruce, Virginia Pine, Douglas Fir, White Pine Red Spruce, White Spruce, Pitch Pine, Hemlock, Austrian Pine, Blue Spruce, Black Spruce and Red Cedar, their popularity in purchases by Pennsylvanians in the order named.

Although nearly three-quarters of the total number of Christmas trees used in Pennsylvania are shipped into the State from other areas, including Canada, this State produced about 1,000,000 of its own trees last year.

In Pennsylvania Christmas trees are grown for this particular purpose by private land-owners, with specific plantations accounting for about 64 per cent of the total number used.

About 17,000 acres of Pennsylvania are planted to Christmas trees. The State's farmers account for about 52 per cent of this total number, raising the trees as a "sideline" in many instances.

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**Few Deer Killed  
By Local Hunters**

**Sportsmen In Woods  
Storm Monday Hampers**

Starting off with a heavy snowfall, deer season got under way Monday with a small number of deer killed. This, in part, was due to the heavy snow hanging on trees. There were not too many hunters in the woods.

Some of the local hunters who have had luck this year are: Jimmy Inman, Shavertown, who got an eight-point buck; Caddie and Jimmy LaBar, Dallas, who each got a seven-point buck; Alex Mahoney Jr., Fernbrook, who bagged a seven-point buck; Mike Kosick, Demunds Road, who got a six-point buck; Bill Compton, Minnie Sidorek, and Tommy Rogers also got their deer the first week.

Hunters travelling up Red Rock Mountain road were held up by slippery roads Monday morning.

Ord Trumbower, Huntsville road, Dallas, said he was delayed for an hour and five minutes.

"Numerous violations of the rules and laws regarding safety have been reported," said R. D. Parlaman, of the State Game Commission office at Forty Fort.

"Hunters are shooting too close to buildings, are shooting at marks, and are sighting-in guns in the woods, a job that should have been done before the season opened", Parlaman stated.

"The game laws prohibit shooting at any unprotected target during big game season."

"Sportsmen", said Parlaman, "are getting a black name, because too many hunters are lax, careless, and killing illegal game. Unless the goodsportsmen help straighten out these few hunters, it will be necessary for the Game Commission to enact stronger and more stringent game laws."

Reports indicate a light killing of deer, but this shows that hunting is becoming more a sport and less a slaughter.

**Navy Reserves  
To Take Cruise**

**Local Men Will Train  
In Southern Waters**

Lt. John F. Kenny, assistant instructor-instructor at the Naval Reserve Training Center in Kingston and a resident of Ridge street, Shavertown, said yesterday that members of Battalion 18 are urged to take the training cruise planned for January which will take participants to "warm waters" as a special feature of the duty afloat.

Lt. Kenny, upon his return from Philadelphia, said Fourth Naval District officials are paying particular attention to encouraging naval reservists to participate in the training program afloat.

"Through this medium," Lt. Kenny said, "can the full realization of the Naval Reserve training program ashore be realized."

Applications will be accepted at the Naval Training Center in Kingston until the middle of this month, Lt. Kenny announced.

The cruise will begin at Newport, Rhode Island, on January 9 and end January 22 at the same point. Training aboard a battleship, cruiser, and aircraft carrier will take place in southern waters.

**Lehman Seniors  
To Present Play**

Lehman High School Seniors are now rehearsing for a play to be held December 10, in the school auditorium, under the direction of Mrs. Reed Travis, assisted by Jane Brown and Mary Dargoy.

The cast: Richard Ide, Adeline Townernicki, Albert Aston, Anne Ide, Kenneth Bonning, Leona Lord, Charlotte Culp, and Janet Wright.

Committee chairmen are: program, Mary Dargoy; properties, Bill Kern; stage, William DeRemer; curtain, Robert Lasco; business manager, James Kern; financial manager, Garner Parks; advertising, Joann Lukasavage; seat arrangement, Albert Aston; usherettes, Louise Owens; costumes, Alice Culp; make-up, Joan Coulbaugh; entertainment, Mary Joan Williams.

**Miss Football**



Miss Shirlee Allen, Majorette, Dallas, won the "Miss Football of Wyoming Valley" contest, conducted by officials of the Wilkes-Barre professional football team.

She competed with majorettes from all parts of Wyoming Valley during the halves of the Bullets home games at Artillery Park.

Shirlee's outstanding performance was done with one and two batons.

She will leave soon for a trip to New York City, which was one of the prizes she won.

Shirlee is an accomplished musician and wrote the entire script for "Amateur's Delight," the program presented Wednesday night at Dallas Borough High School to raise funds for the Dalite, school yearbook, of which she is junior editor. When it appeared impossible to continue the book because of insufficient finances, Shirlee got busy. Wednesday night's performance raised enough money to assure publication for the next two years.