

Sweet Valley Frocks

Sweet Valley's Community leaders have done a commendable job in bringing in a clean, new industry that will employ in the neighborhood of two hundred persons.

A community as quaint and homey as Sweet Valley can absorb one industry without losing any of its character and can bring immeasurable benefits to the industry itself.

Progress isn't always marked by humming spindles and belching stacks; but a thriving industry and a happy relationship between workers and management can bring many advantages to rural living.

Industry is not an end in itself, nor is the additional money that it will bring to Sweet Valley. But if it helps Sweet Valley to provide more comfortable and gracious living for those who now live there and for those who will live there in the years to come, then it will have served its true purpose.

The same applies to other Back Mountain communities. We welcome industries and the jobs they create; but we don't want them faster than we can absorb them. Nor do we want them simply because they can find space no where else or because we have a beautiful countryside free from mine caves.

The movement of industry to the country where workers can go about their daily duties amid clean surroundings, breathing fresh mountain air, looking out onto wooded hillsides and green pastures, is a far step toward making life worth while. But if industry destroys these things or fails to appreciate them, it serves neither the worker, the community nor itself.

Industry cannot come in as a stranger, interested only in what it can obtain here. Industry cannot remain aloof from our community problems. It must accept them for what they are and help us to solve them. It must understand our attitudes toward zoning; our needs for better schools; our desire for better housing. It must appreciate that our yards and gardens, our unmarred distant vistas, the peace and quiet of a small village are what have brought most of us here in the first place. Industry and this residential and farming community can work side by side and shoulder to shoulder to develop here a better way of life—if they will.

Sweet Valley Frocks is a lovely name. Along with Fernbrook Fabrics and Natona Laces it is another label that will identify new products manufactured in the Back Mountain Region. It connotes all that is clean and wholesome about our former way of life.

Let us hope that we shall all be proud of these labels, proud of the inspiration that brought them here, proud that they are an interested vital part of our community.

FROM
PILLAR TO POST

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

Get out the sunflower seeds, here come the robins. Somebody from Goodleigh Farm called on the phone a couple of days ago to report that there were not two, not three, but a whole flock of robins, at least fifty, in the barnyard. The reporter said that he had read in Pillar to Post that it was now safe to mention robins, and he thought I'd like to know.

Probably the robins know what they are about, though common sense warns that we are due for some more winter, and of a character that will be a blow, coming as it does on top of all this phenomenally mild February weather. You can't discount the groundhog's having seen his shadow in a blaze of sunshine on the second of the month.

League Lays Dinner Plans

First Play-Offs On February 28

Plans were made for the play-offs, and a banquet committee appointed at a meeting of the Church League Tuesday, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. It was decided to schedule the play-offs for Saturday, February 26 at Dallas Township gym, if possible. Arrangements call for a series of three sets of games starting with the first place team meeting the third; the second meeting the fifth and the fourth meeting the sixth.

There seems to be a difference of opinion on that groundhog business, some folks claiming that if he sees his shadow he'll dive back into his burrow and pull up the blankets for six more weeks, some people pish-tushing that particular myth and holding that if he doesn't see his shadow he'll be discouraged by the lack of sunshine and goodness knows how long spring will be delayed.

This is very confusing to a person who was brought up to believe that you could count on six weeks of winter or else a very early spring, with no middle ground, all depending on that shadow. The foundations of my childhood beliefs are being undermined, and goodness knows where this will lead. Maybe Santa Claus and the Easter Rabbit will be the next victims.

And by the way, did you know that it used to be called Bear Day instead of Groundhog Day? Neither did I, until my mother set me right in a recent letter. Seems her father always called it Bear Day.

At any rate, the robins seem to place little confidence in the groundhog's weather predictions. They are here, and in great numbers, though the Pump House has so far been ignored, probably because of the lack of evergreen shelter.

Birds seem determined to fly in the face of Providence. Weeks ago, way out in Kansas, and in the teeth of an impending blizzard, great numbers of wild geese fell into the city streets, their wings iced and useless, to take off again into the upper air when their wings thawed. Motorists drove carefully around the staggering birds, but in spite of their care, one or two car owners had roast goose for dinner.

Those geese couldn't have been flying south, so they must have been flying north to their arctic nesting grounds. It is pretty difficult to fool a bird, endowed as he is with an instinct that pre-dates the Stone Age.

Maybe an early spring really is in the cards.

Marble C. Gay Dies In Crash

Head of Tunkhannock Firm Dies In Crash

Marble C. Gay, Jr., 51, secretary and general manager of the Gay-Murray Co., Tunkhannock, died Tuesday evening at Scranton State Hospital of injuries sustained in a head-on automobile collision a few hours earlier on Route 6 near Clark's Summit State Hospital.

Mr. Gay was en route home from Scranton at 4:30 when his car, a Chevrolet coupe, collided with a Buick sedan driven in the opposite direction by Raymond E. Decker, 33, Dalton RFD. Both drivers were alone. Decker died a few minutes later, but Mr. Gay was taken to Scranton State Hospital where he was identified by papers in his pocket. He died at 8:05 without regaining consciousness. His brothers, Charles and George were with him to the end.

There were no witnesses to the accident but the impact must have been terrific for the engine of Mr. Gay's car lay at the edge of the pavement twenty feet from the rest of the wreckage and the entire front end of Decker's Buick was demolished.

Mr. Gay was head of one of the outstanding rural businesses of the State. He was a past president of the Pennsylvania and Atlantic Seaboard Hardware Association and a director of Wyoming National Bank of Tunkhannock.

Born at Laceyville, the son of Marble C. and Marion Champion Gay, he graduated from Mehoopany High School and Rochester School of Business. About twenty-five years ago he and his father opened a farm equipment business in Tunkhannock. Later the firm became affiliated with the Murray Company of Honesdale and together these organizations have become one of the largest hardware companies in the State.

Mr. Gay's wife died last fall. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Elaine Jones of Cedar Lake, Michigan; his parents, who have been spending the winter in Florida; two brothers, Charles and George of Tunkhannock, and four sisters, Mrs. Gladys Reed, Chenango Forks, N. Y., Mrs. Marjorie Hughes, Binghamton, N. Y., Mrs. Marion Hughes, Binghamton, N. Y., and Miss Madge Gay at home.

Must Register Within Five Days

Eighteen-Year Olds Permitted No Option

Eighteen-year old boys living in communities under the jurisdiction of Local Board No. 93 of Plymouth must register on their 18th birthday or no later than five days thereafter, Board Chairman Thomas A. Warman reported during the weekend. The office is located at Eley Building, (2nd floor) 1 West Main Street, Plymouth, and is open from Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In several cases recently, boys have appeared at the Board later than the five day limit. Boys in the following communities must register with Local Board No. 93: Plymouth Township, Plymouth Borough, Larksville Borough, Lehman (Continued on Page Eight)

Business Association Invites All Merchants To Be Members

Dallas Business Association under the leadership of Lawrence Updyke, vice president and chairman of the membership committee, has started an intensive drive to enroll all Back Mountain Businessmen in the organization.

Several members have already enrolled from Idetown, Shavertown, Trucksville, Fernbrook and Lehman. Membership is open to any Back Mountain businessman upon payment of \$3 dues.

Harry Lee Smith, newly elected president, is arranging an especially interesting program for the next meeting at Back Mountain Memorial Library on Monday, March 7, and has expressed the desire to see representatives from all Back Mountain communities present.

"We have organized a Credit

Another Death Trap on Center Street

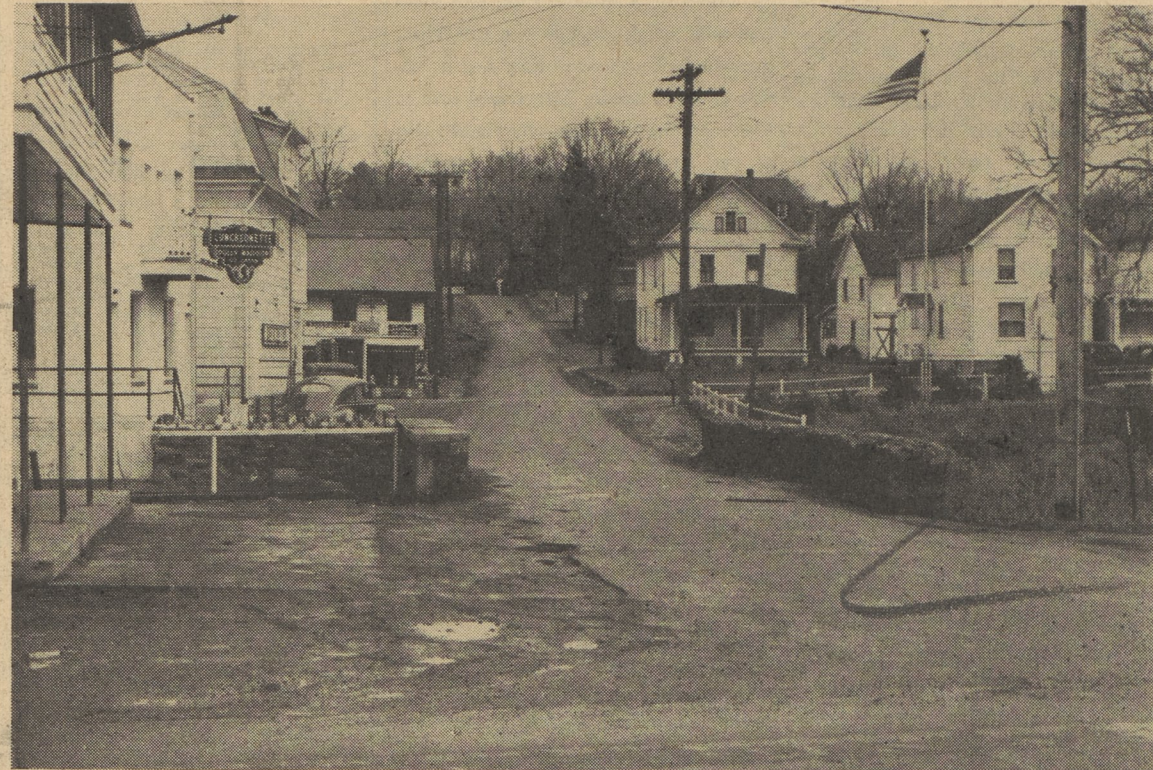


Photo By Hudson

Two automobiles cannot pass on this dangerous single lane bridge on Center Street, Shavertown. At times trucks are lined up on either side of the bridge extending back to and on the Harvey's Lake Highway.

Center Street is one of the most traveled thoroughfares in the Township. Traction Company busses use this bridge on their regular routes. Three school busses use it daily. Hundreds of pedestrians and school

children must use it to reach the post office, grade schools and churches.

In spite of repeated efforts on the part of citizens to bring this bridge to the attention of the State Highway Department, that body has failed to recognize it as a hazard to life. Center Street is a secondary State highway.

If the Township had an alert Board of Supervisors they would see to it that the State did some-

thing about this bridge instead of throwing up their hands and disclaiming, "We can do nothing about it; it's the State's problem."

The "wobble and wobble" attitude of the Supervisors was revealed again this week when they were unable to reach a decision on whether Kingston Township should be zoned. Kingston Township needs leadership. It is NOT getting it from its Supervisors.

Beaver Trapping Season Opened Forty-Nine At Club Meeting

Hundreds of Pennsylvania trappers have set their traps for the annual beaver season which opened Tuesday and runs through February 28 this year.

Non-residents are prohibited from trapping them.

Beavers are fully protected and may not be legally trapped in twenty-two counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington and Westmoreland—but may be taken in all other forty-five counties.

Ten is the maximum number of traps any qualified trapper may attend, set or operate and not more than two beavers may legally be taken by any trapper. A metal tag bearing the name and address of the owner must be attached to each trap and all tags must be placed above the ice or waterline to permit checking without disturbing the traps.

It is illegal to set a trap upon the structure of any established beaver dam or house or within 25 feet of the waterline on the structure of any beaver dam or house. The penalty is \$50 for each separate offense. No trapping is permitted at dams posted by the Game Commission prohibiting such trapping or within 200 feet of such areas. Successful trappers are required to present the skins of their kill for tagging within a period of ten days following the close of the season and should present them to the Game Protector in the district in which taken. None can legally be disposed of unless properly tagged.

Beaver trapping was first presented (Continued on Page Eight)

Mrs. Fisher Shows Miniature Furniture

Forty-nine Back Mountain women attended the meeting of the Library Book Club Wednesday afternoon and enjoyed Mrs. Dwight Fishers lovely collection of miniature furniture.

New members at the meeting were: Mrs. Herbert Ray, Mrs. Edward Hartman, Mrs. Charles Hoffman, Mrs. Walter Elston, Mrs. William Lamb, Mrs. Roscoe Lee, Mrs. Earl Johnson and Mrs. Harry Stullmuller.

Eighteen new books were purchased in January and thirteen so far this month.

Serving committee consisted of: Mrs. Joseph Schmerer, Mrs. Fred Howell, Mrs. John Doane, Mrs. Murray Scureman, Mrs. H. W. Smith, Mrs. Lloyd Kear, Mrs. Henry Peterson, Mrs. Dana Krump, Mrs. Harris Haycox, Mrs. Edgar Brace and Mrs. Gerald Dettmore.

President, Mrs. Fred Howell, and retiring president, Mrs. Harry Ohlman poured.

Committee chairmen for the new year are: Program, Mrs. Peter Clark; Volunteer Workers, Mrs. Edgar Brace; finance, Mrs. Harris Haycox; book, Mrs. Murray Scureman; membership, Mrs. Dana Krump; telephone squad, Mrs. Henry Peterson; hospitality, Mrs. Joseph Schmerer; publicity, Mrs. Gerald Dettmore.

Present were Mesdames R. R. Hedden, Herbert Ray, Earl Johnson, E. V. Hartman, Mitchell Jenkins, T. M. B. Hicks, Harry Stullmuller, Harold Flack, Paul Goddard, Lloyd Kear, Fred B. Howell, John H. Doane, Harry Ohlman, A. G. Rutherford, J. D. Hutchison, A. D. Hutchison, Raymond Kuhnert, William Lamb, Ralph Dixon, Walter Elston, Felix Weber, Earl Tremayne, H. W. Smith, William Deibert, Dana Krump, Stanley Davies, R. L. Hallock, F. W. Bogert, J. R. Benner, Alfred Root, Edgar Brace, Joseph Schmerer, Murray Scureman, Herbert Griesing, Mary Bitenbender Nelson, L. V. Lacy, Peter Clark, Henry Peterson, Lewis LeGrand, Dwight Fisher, C. N. Booth, Z. E. Garinger, Floyd Sanders, Primo Berrettini, William Hart, Robert Crawford, Michael Kevalic, Gerald Dettmore; Miss Miriam Lathrop.

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Harold Cragle, Host To Sweet Valley YTC

Harold Cragle of Sweet Valley entertained members of the Christian Church YTC at his home last Thursday evening. Present were: Dayton Long, Beryl Updyke, Richard Thomas, Robert Adams, Carl Rood Jr., Fred Cragle, Betty Adams, Shirley Britt, Barbara Cragle, Carrol Coheck and Mrs. Ira But-

ton.

Makes College Team

Marilyn Ohlman, sophomore at Temple University was chosen as a member of the swimming team this week.

Marilyn gets her practice in the summer, as well as a good coat of tan, as life guard at Irem Temple Country Club.

Firemen View Giant Pumper

Trucksville Firemen Given Demonstration

Trucksville Volunteer Fire Department had an opportunity to view and test one of the latest developments in fire fighting equipment last Friday when representatives of the Hahn Truck Co., of Hamburg brought a sixteen cylinder pumper here for a demonstration.

The mammoth truck mounted two eight cylinder Ford engines, operating in combination or as a single unit and each with its own 500-gallon pump.

The truck carried a 1,500 gallon water tank weighing more than 10,000 pounds when filled and permitting it to operate for twenty minutes without any other source of supply.

Of special interest to the firemen were the vehicle's unique sixteen wheels mounted similar to the trucks on railroad cars, each set of wheels operating as a unit.

Reputed cost of the outfit is \$16,500. A committee of firemen was given a demonstration of the truck's maneuverability and power on Carverton Road, and then brought it to Dallas for Dr. Henry M. Laing Firemen to inspect.

The Trucksville Company is planning to purchase new equipment this year and the demonstration Friday was one of several that will be made by different companies before the committee reaches any decision.

Catholic Daughters To Observe Book Week

In observance of Catholic Book Week, Court Our Lady of Fatima 1478, Catholic Daughters of America will hold a special reading and tea Sunday afternoon at 3 in the auditorium of St. Therese's Church. "Seven Story Mountain", an autobiography of Thomas Merton will be read by Mrs. Edmund Kelly Jr., of Scranton.

Book week aim is to send reading material of Catholic background to countries overseas that have no such literature at all.

All persons wishing to give books are asked to donate them at this time.

Mrs. Joseph Purcell is chairman of refreshments and will be assisted by Mrs. Raymond Laux.

There will be no admission charge. The public is invited.

Parents May Take Bus To Township Meeting

Meeting of Dallas Township Parent Teacher Association on Monday night will be in charge of the teachers.

It will be report card night and teachers will be in their rooms to interview parents at 7:30. In order to accommodate parents who want to attend the meeting, the 7:20 bus from the Square will go direct to Fernbrook and thence to Dallas and Dallas Township school.

BOX SCORE
Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious accidents since V-J Day
Hospitalized Killed
DALLAS 2 11
LEHMAN 1 1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP 30 4
JACKSON TOWNSHIP 2 1
MONROE TOWNSHIP 3 1
ROSS TOWNSHIP 2 1
LAKE TOWNSHIP 1 1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP 2 2
TOTAL 31 20

Laing Firemen Saved Property Worth \$381,500

Answered 25 Calls During Year With Only \$12,160 Loss

During the year just closed, Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company responded to twenty-five fire calls protecting property valued at \$381,500 with an actual fire loss of \$12,160.

Greatest fire losses occurred in those areas furthest removed from Dallas and where lack of available water was a distinct handicap to the fire fighters.

The company answered eleven fire calls in Dallas Borough. A little over \$22,000 worth of property was involved with an actual fire loss of \$150.

Seven calls were answered in Dallas Township where there was a possible fire loss of \$323,000. Actual loss was \$6,000. The biggest fire was the maternity barn at Goodleigh Farm, where firemen were able to prevent complete destruction. Second largest fire was the Mrs. E. B. Moore barn which was a complete loss.

Four calls were answered in Jackson Township with a possible fire loss of \$31,000. Actual loss was \$2,500, the Scovell home being completely destroyed.

The company answered one call at Northmoreland Township. There lightning struck the barn owned by Michael Koslosky at Centermoreland. The loss was complete, \$3,500. The company also responded to one call each in Lehman and Lake Townships.

Many Attend NEPA Meeting

Veterinarians Hold Panel Discussion

At the annual meeting of the Tunkhannock Artificial Breeding Cooperative, attended by 525 persons which was held at the Dietrich Theatre, Tunkhannock, on Friday, February 11. The following directors were re-elected for 3 year terms—Donald Williams, Tunkhannock; George Morrow, Clarks Summit; and Paul Ihfert, Meshoppen.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the panel discussion by the local veterinarians—Dr. L. L. Ellsworth, Meshoppen; Dr. E. S. Stone, Dr. J. H. Towers and Dr. Walter Parker, Clarks Summit. R. H. Olmstead, in charge of Dairy Extension at Pennsylvania State College, was in charge of this discussion when questions concerning mastitis and breeding problems were answered.

R. H. Olmstead gave a review of plans on Bangs Disease as suggested to the Bureau of Animal Industry, by breed organizations of the state.

A. E. Coper, extension agronomist, reported on the hay contest which was won by Oscar Henry, West Nicholson. The hay of Ted Burgess, Forkston, placed second, and Jobe Derhammer's, Alderson, placed third. Prizes were donated by Gay-Murray, Tunkhannock. Mr. Coper in his discussion of the needed minerals that are being continually removed from the soil without replacement, stated this tends to exhaust the supply and a deficiency results in the forage.

William Schaefer, manager of N EPA Artificial Breeding Cooperative, reported on the program of the N EPA organization and also the handling of the herd sires at Nepa. The door prize, a purebred Holstein calf was won by Oscar Heitsman, Tunkhannock.

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