

SAFETY VALVE . . .

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partment of Highways, Highway Engineers, Luzerne County Commissioners, Wilkes-Barre School Board, Wilkes-Barre Park Department, the Garden Club, City Planning Committee, and the County Schools, it was decided to make an intensive drive this spring to wipe out, or at least to cover over, many of the eyesores in our valley, and to beautify the approaches to our county seat.

Most of us remember Wyoming Valley when it was a beauty spot. At present it is becoming an eyesore. Why not take up the challenge and show to the world that our

citizens are proud of our homes, and the community, and are going to dress it up with trees, shrubs, plants, pretty rock gardens and vines, over roadsides, over public buildings, school buildings, and old, neglected buildings. Will you undertake to make your readers plant minded this spring? Will you join in a campaign to make Wyoming Valley flourish and bloom in 1949 as it used to do in the good old days?

To accomplish this, everyone must begin with his own property. Clean up as soon as the weather permits—interest neighbors in doing the same. Be all ready for the big sale of evergreens and shrubs which we expect will be carried on by local nurserymen.

Citizens must interest school

boards and Parent Teacher's Associations in beautifying school properties, and in protecting them from marauders. Merchants, and operators of factories and mills, can be persuaded to cover their walls with lovely Boston ivy or wisteria, or in planting shrubbery at the base of the building.

This is an educational program. It is up to all of us to further it as individuals, and as clubs.

Let's begin to plan and organize now for the biggest and best beautification in the history of the Valley. We hope that every civic club will adopt a conspicuously ugly, empty lot along the highway and make it a pride to the neighborhood. Wake up good citizens, Let's plant!!!

Signed

- Neil Chrisman, Chairman
- Face Lifting Committee
- Junior Chamber of Commerce
- Mrs. Charles H. Miner, Chairman
- Civic Committee, Wyoming Valley Woman's Club
- James D. Hutchison
- Luzerne County Agriculture Extension Association, 5 Water St. Wilkes-Barre

FARM TOPICS

Repair Farm Machines—It is good planning to repair the farm machinery before spring field work starts. It is also good economy to put used machinery in working condition because new machinery is extremely high priced.

More Turkeys Seen—A 14 per cent increase in the number of turkeys to be grown in Pennsylvania and a 25 per cent greater number for the whole country are indicated by recent intention surveys. This is a reversal of the 1948 record.

Test Old Seeds—Vegetable seeds held over from last year should be tested for germination before planting. The test can be made in a flat or between blotting papers in a shallow tray or large plate. Keep the seeds moist and warm.

Dehorn the Calves—Caustic potash or horn paints can be used to dehorn calves. As soon as a horn button appears, clip the hair and rub the horn area until bleeding occurs. Follow manufacturers' directions.

Control Hog Mange—Either of two new chemicals, chlordane and benzene hexachloride, may be used to control hog mange. Apply as a pressure spray on a warm, bright day. Ask your county agent for details.

Prepare to Spray—Because of mild weather, apple scab spores are maturing several weeks earlier than

usual. Be prepared to spray earlier for proper control.

Ventilate Dairy Barns—Cow comfort pays at the milk pail. Proper ventilation is recommended. Stables too warm can be as injurious as those too cold. The preferred winter temperatures range from 40 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Cut Operation Costs—Efficient and economical operations in making maple syrup and sugar are im-

perative. One-third to a half of the production costs are in labor. A high-quality sugar bush and labor-saving equipment will help cut costs.

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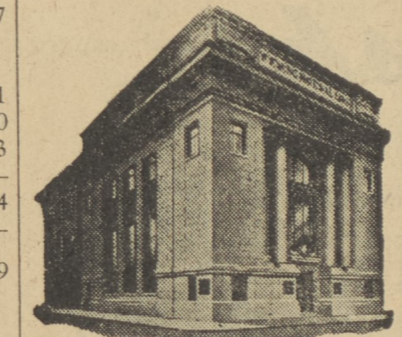
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themselves, there are any number of biographies of famous personalities in the musical sphere. "Galli-Curci's Life of Song", by C. F. LeMassena was especially alluring to me to browse through as that great singer was in the very first opera, "Lucia de Lammermoor", which I saw in Chicago a number of years ago. I remembered, too, how mother had exposed me to the sextette from "Lucia" and many other beautiful and inspiring selections, rendered on the Red Seal phonograph records, in my quite young days.

Also in the music section at the library is a very nice four-volume set of selections, entitled "World's Best Music". And on the Memorial shelves is a wonderful Encyclopedia of Music and Musicians and a volume of folk songs.

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Lunch will be served by the Ladies Aid of the Christian Church

CASHIERS: William James, Lee Trumbower

CLERKS: Victor Long, Wayne Long

AUCTIONEERS: Howard Sands and M. L. Bunnell

AUDITORS' REPORT County—Luzerne of Pennsylvania 1948 Township—Franklin

From First Monday in January 1948 to First Monday in January 1949

CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR

Cash in Bank, Securities and Reserves	\$ 1,545.26
Total	\$ 1,545.26

RECEIPTS

Taxes Collected in Cash During Year	\$ 1,779.84
Taxes Collected on Old Duplicates During Year	416.83
Amount Received from other Sources (a) to (i) Form 905	196.00
Total	\$ 2,392.67

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 422.11
Highways	2,057.80
Miscellaneous	159.43
Total	\$ 2,639.34

CASH BALANCE AT END OF YEAR

RESOURCES

Due From Tax Collectors	\$ 378.47
Value of Township Machinery & Township Buildings	1,175.00
Total	\$ 1,553.47

ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE TOWNSHIP..... \$331,548.00

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Signed:

JAMES MITCHELL
BYRON E. KESTER
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