

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

Apparently a lot of people, including the all-important folks who run the Barnyard, see eye to eye with me on the desecration of the highways and streams of this area. An awakened civic consciousness is the most lasting remedy, but this takes time and education. With this heritage of pleasant meadows, rolling hills, sparkling streams, rugged rocks, and winding scenic roads, the residents of the Back Mountain country are just plain crazy if they allow time to slip by without taking measures to safeguard their most precious possession. The time is NOW, not next month or next year.

We have the makings of the most beautiful and desirable residential section in this part of Pennsylvania, but we are lazy when the time comes to exert a little personal effort. This is everybody's business. Everybody who tosses a tin can alongside the road is casting a vote for a slipshod community.

Dallas might well adopt the far-sighted plan sponsored by Lincoln, Nebraska, some years ago, and for all I know to the contrary still in effect.

Lincoln noted that there were small spots indicating decay within its spic and span borders. This, the city fathers felt, could not be tolerated. The Chamber of Commerce and the service clubs met in solemn conclave, and a committee on Eye-Sores was appointed, the personnel to change once a month so that no undue burden would be laid upon any one group of people.

The current Eye-Sore Committee toured the town with eyes wide open, selected the most glaring bits of offensiveness, and did something about it, stirring up public opinion in the process. One offshoot of this committee's activities is that a vacant store building in Lincoln is never a catchall for junk, but is left clean and neat, its windows washed, its interior an invitation for a tenant.

One vacant lot which was growing up to unsightly weeds in the heart of the business district was selected as the monthly project by the Eye-Sore Committee. The owner, a man of means who could well afford to take steps, was asked to either turn the vacant lot into a beauty spot by developing a lawn, or build something on it. He called an architect and directed him to design the most beautiful building in Lincoln and get it up quick so that he could get that such-and-such and so-and-so committee off his neck. The deed was done, and in record time, and the building which now occupies the vacant lot adds a great deal to the downtown district, is in fact a model for other buildings as the city expands.

A junk yard which was located near the railroad tracks just outside the town limits was told to clean up its property or remove itself to a spot a mile to the south. A mile to the south was far away from the railroad, and as a spur track was necessary to business, the owner selected the lesser of two evils. He built a long low shed, sorted his piles of junk into huge bins, and put up a sign, "Agricultural and Automotive Parts". The Committee on Eye-Sores gave him its blessing and left him in peace.

A squatter who had moved onto somebody's land near the railroad right-of-way, was living in a collection of ancient packing boxes faced with tin against the searching prairie wind. The Eye-Sore Committee for that month decided that as this unsightly shack was the first thing which incoming passengers on the Burlington Railroad saw, something must be done to remedy the situation.

The committee called upon the squatter, explained that in that section nobody minded squatters, but that the squatter's shack should be a credit to the community. What could he do about it and how much help did he need?

The squatter walked to the railroad track, turned himself about and looked at his home with the eye of an incoming passenger. It had never occurred to him that his shack was a disgrace to a progressive community.

The committee skirmished around and provided materials, the squatter built himself a small, snug, two-room house, the committee furnished paint, and the job was complete. The squatter added the final touch by planting flowers and enclosing his yard in a picket fence, painted white to match the house. They say that after the face-lifting was finished, the squatter spent most of his spare time admiring his handiwork from the railroad track.

Property improvement is in the air. What are we waiting for?

Opens Electric School

Ritter Electric School on Pierce Street, Kingston, which opened its term this week, has been declared one of the "finest and best equipped G.I. Schools in the State" by Veterans' Administration officials and educators.

The school is owned by Philip Ritter of Dallas, veteran automobile ignition expert, and is established in the former Miller Casket Building which Mr. Ritter recently purchased.

Club Opposes House Bill 1176

New Officers Preside At Overbrook Meeting

Overbrook Gun Club at its meeting Tuesday night went on record as opposing Anti-Firearms Legislation as proposed in House Bill 1176 which would prohibit the use of any firearm or airgun at any time or place in the commonwealth except under certain conditions.

Sportsmen's clubs have condemned the bill as "careless, incompetent and dangerous" and the Overbrook Club urges all other clubs and sportsmen to oppose it by writing to their State Representatives.

Presiding at the meeting were newly installed officers: A. W. Hudak, president; Leo B. Stout, vice president; James Ellman, recording secretary and Tom Royer, financial secretary.

New trustees are: John Watkins, Jack Grewer and Charles Ellman.

Kiwanis Club Plans Birthday Celebration

Dallas Kiwanis Club will hold a banquet at Irem Temple Country Club on May 25, when members will celebrate their twenty-second birthday anniversary.

The club announced at its meeting held Wednesday evening that the fourth Junior Baseball League season will open shortly. A meeting with team captains will take place at Irem Temple Country Club next Wednesday evening at the Kiwanis meeting. Richard Prynne, was named League Supervisor. This is his third year as supervisor of the Junior teams. Donald Harris presided.

Rev. Howard Harrison, popular member of the Club, donated a birthday gift which was won by Sherman Harter. Rev. Harrison has done an excellent piece of work as chairman of the Underprivileged Children's Fund.

Dr. Roger Owen was introduced as a new member. A film "The Science of Milk Production" was shown by James Huston.

May Queen



JACQUELINE MAHONEY

Jacqueline Mahoney, with her many admirers will reign as Queen at the May Day Festival to be given by Dallas Township High School on Thursday, May 5 at 10 a.m. The event will be held regardless of the weather. Affair will be held indoors if it rains. Miss Mahoney was elected by Senior High School members.

The all day program is in charge of Mrs. Helen Guyler, assisted by Alfred Millner Camp, Mary Vahey, Robert Dolbear and teachers of the elementary grades; Mrs. Charles Lipp and Mrs. Melvin Mosier, refreshments; Melvin Mosier, properties.

The event which promises to be a gala spectacle was attended last year by nearly a thousand spectators. Music will be furnished by Dallas Township Band, under direction of Alfred Millner Camp.

Back Mountain Teachers Hear Talk on Retirement

Carl Lumley, supervising principal of Sullivan County Schools discussed Teachers' Retirement at a dinner meeting of the Sixth District attended by 130 members of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association in Dallas Township High School Auditorium last night.

Mr. Lumley is the man who wrote the bills on Teachers' Retirement which are now before the Legislature in Harrisburg.

The Sixth District comprises teachers from Dallas Borough, Dallas, Lake, Lehman, Ross, Franklin, Jackson and Exeter Townships.

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Mothers and Daughters of Two Girl Scout Troops Dine at Dallas Church



William Evans, Eighty Today

Will Be Guest At Open House Tonight

William H. Evans, Sr., is receiving the good wishes of many friends today on his 80th birthday anniversary. Mrs. Paul R. Dailey, his daughter, will hold open-house for relatives and friends this evening at the family residence on Lawn street, Shavertown.

"Pop" as he is more familiarly known by customers at Evans' Drug



WILLIAM H. EVANS, SR.

Store, was born on April 29, 1869, in Mahanoy City, Schuylkill County. His parents were the late Daniel H. and Jane Brown Evans, pioneer residents of Ashley. Mr. Evans was educated in Ashley Public Schools and Wyoming Seminary. After his marriage to the late Ida May Thomas Evans, he resided for some years in Edwardsville. He also lived for many years in Ashley, Dorranceton and Forty Fort. He has lived in Shavertown for the past eighteen years.

A member of Coalville Lodge, F. & A. M. Ashley, he received his fifty-year pin from that organization last August. He is a member of Caldwell Consistory and has been a communicant of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre for many years. He is a charter member of Wilkes-Barre Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Joining in to wish Mr. Evans a happy eightieth birthday are these relatives: a brother Dr. Daniel A. Evans and Charles S. Evans, all of Ashley; sons, William H., Sandusky, Ohio; Daniel H., Danville; Sheldon T., Shavertown; Donald J. Evans, Dallas, and daughter, Mrs. Paul R. Dailey, Shavertown; also these grandchildren: William H., 3rd, and Nancy Jane Evans, Sandusky, Ohio; Midshipman Daniel H. Evans, Jr., U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., and Jean Ann Evans, Danville; Lois and Sheldon E. MacAvoy, Shavertown, and Donald J. Evans, Jr., and Terry S. Evans, Dallas.

Mr. Evans also has a sister, Mrs. Agnes Keiser, who is critically ill.

Barbara Clark, Member Of May Day Pageant

Barbara Clark, Wilson College freshman and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Clark, Baldwin street, will be a member of the cast for Wilson's May Day pageant, "Treasure Island."

Gayest Wilson holiday, the all-day fete will also include the crowning of the May Queen, a campus fair, two dances, a buffet luncheon, and a student art exhibit. Proceeds will go to the Chambersburg Community Centers and the World Student Service Fund.

Plan Dinner Meeting

Raymond Kuhnert, president of the Supervising Principals' Association of Luzerne County, has announced a dinner meeting to be held at Irem Temple Country Club on the third Thursday in May.

Scouts Receive Flags and Standard At Mother And Daughter Dinner

Two beautiful flags, one an American and the other flag for Troop 149 were presented to Girl Scout Troop 149 by Mr. Jack Loucks at a Mother and Daughter Dinner for Troops 54 and 149 held last Wednesday night at Dallas Methodist Church. Eighty-two attended.

Flags were presented to the troop by Louise Loucks, daughter of the donor. She was attended by her color guard, comprised of Nancy Fitch, Jane Matchett and Jacquelyn Kingston. Joan Lewin expressed the appreciation of the troop for the gift.

A flag standard, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Andre Thevanon in memory of their daughter, Helen, a former member of Troop 149 was presented by Mrs. Harris Haycox. Flags were attached to new staffs by Mrs. Ray Titus.

Miss Dolores Morris, Field Director of Wilkes-Barre Council, gave the invocation and welcome. Mrs. Harris Haycox, founder and first leader of Troop 149 gave a history of the troop.

Flag ceremony was performed by Flag Bearers and Color Guard. Proficiency badges were awarded girls of both troops. Mrs. Jack Loucks gave a short talk.

Troops 54 and 149 presented folk dances and a pantomime "The Old Woman and the Peddler" under the direction of Mrs. W. E. McQuillen. In the cast were Joanne Lewin, Mary Polackey, and Charlyn Reinfort. An international Candlelight ceremony by Troop 54, directed by Mrs. Fred Butcher concluded the program.

Tables were decorated in green and yellow with the Girl Scout trefoil, the main centerpiece being a maypole, surrounded by foreign crepe paper dolls and flags of all nations, made by Troop 54. Dinner was in charge of Mrs. William Diebert and Mrs. Richard Robbins, assisted by Senior Scouts of Troop 149.

To Study Curriculum

Lehman and Kingston Township Schools will be dismissed one hour early at 2:30 next Thursday so that teachers may attend curriculum revision meetings at both schools. Similar meetings were held some weeks ago and another meeting will be held later.

Frank M. LeGrand

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis LeGrand of Forty-Fort announced the birth of a son, Frank Malinowski in Homeopathic Hospital on Tuesday, April 26. Mrs. LeGrand is the former Nancy Malinowski. Mr. LeGrand is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. LeGrand of Baldwin street, Dallas. This is their first child.

New Parish To Be Permanent

Diocese Will Aid Prince of Peace

Under authorization of Bishop Frank W. Sterrett of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church has been permanently established in the Back Mountain Communities.

Beginning this Sunday at 9, a Holy Communion service will be conducted in Shavertown Fire Hall by Rev. William L. Williams, Vicar of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Plymouth. Rev. Mr. Williams has been appointed by Bishop Sterrett and incorporated Trustees of the Diocese, to organize the new Parish.

Within less than a month thirty-seven families have signified their desire to support the newly founded church. On Sunday, May 8th, at 10 o'clock, the first regular Sunday School session will be held, and several young men and women of the congregation will teach.

At the organization meeting held Wednesday evening in the Shavertown Fire Hall, there were twenty-seven parishioners present. Rev. Mr. Williams presided, and reported on the present financial and material condition of Prince of Peace Parish. A building lot for the proposed new church is located at the intersection of Pioneer Avenue and the Old Highway, and the treasury has \$2,560.00 set aside for building purposes. It also owns Holy communion vessels, an altar, candlesticks and a Cross.

Edward Hildebrandt, of Trucksville, has offered to contribute a prayer desk, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Lee, Dallas, stated that they would furnish the weekly offering envelopes as their contribution.

Rev. Mr. Williams announced further that the Bishop and Trustees are watching organization proceedings with keen interest, and will gladly lend whatever support is needed providing the members of the new parish evince enthusiasm and help in placing the new parish on a sound progressive basis.

At the close of meeting, Rev. Mr. Williams extended a cordial invitation to all Episcopalians in the Back Mountain to attend Sunday's services, and asked that the children attend the first Sunday School session the Sunday following.

Dinner Speaker

Joseph MacVeigh will be one of the speakers and also show motion pictures at the annual athletic dinner at Wyoming Seminary.

Trucksville Man Is Ninety-Three

Fred Boote Was Born In England

Fred Boote, Carverton Road, one of Trucksville's oldest residents, celebrated his ninety-third birthday anniversary on Tuesday. A birthday supper for members of his immediate family was held Sunday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Houghwout, with whom he has lived for eighteen years.

Born in Sussex, England, the son of Jonathan and Sarah Boote, Mr. Boote came to the United States with his wife in April, 1908 and settled in Scranton. In 1909 the family moved to Trucksville. He was married to the former Julia Parris, who died twenty-one years ago.

Employed for many years at Hillside Farms, as gardener and manager of the greenhouses at Conyngham's lovely estate, he was noted for his success in raising every kind of flower and vegetable. He retired in 1936.

Mr. Boote has been a faithful member of Trucksville Methodist Church for many years and still attends quite regularly. It is not unusual to see him taking his daily stroll when the weather permits. In good health, his eye sight and hearing are failing.

Attending the birthday party were his children: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boote, Corning, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Boote, Forty-Fort; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boote, Pittston; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boote, Wilkes-Barre; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Post, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Houghwout, all of Trucksville. Also present were several relatives, Mr. and Mrs. William Ciunden, Scranton and Mrs. Howard Wickheiser of Scranton. Another son, George Boote of Maine was unable to attend.

Mr. Boote also has twenty-four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

First Aid Movies

First Aid movies will be shown at Lake Township school Monday night at a combined meeting of Harvey's Lake Fire Company and Alderson Methodist Church Boy Scout Troop 331 at 8:45. The firemen will conduct a business meeting at 8, prior to the picture. The public is invited.

In State Competition

Lehman Township High School Band, winner of the Regional Class C championship, will leave Saturday morning at 6:30 in two special buses to take part in the State competition of the State Forensic and Music League at Pottstown.

Kingston Township Schools to Present Annual Music Festival



The Music Department of Kingston Township Schools, under the direction of Verus Weaver, has prepared an outstanding program for its annual Music Festival to be presented on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights of next week. The Festival will open Wednesday night at the High School Auditorium with a concert by the

High School Band and students of vocal music. On Thursday night the program will shift to Shavertown Grade School where Shavertown grade pupils will present

their concert, and will be concluded Friday night when Trucksville grade school pupils give their concert at the Trucksville Grade School.

BOX SCORE

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

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