

The Creation of Mother

God walked amidst the flowers
In Eden's garden fair
And He marveled at their beauty
So sweetly blooming there.
With great care He picked the fairest,
The lily, pure and white,
He chose the sweet and lovely rose
And others, gay and bright.

These He molded all together
With bits of heaven's blue,
Then He took warm rays of sunlight
And mixed them gently through.
When, at last, His task was finished,
This gift, most fair to see
Was the dear and gracious Mother
He gave to you and me.

Sunday is Mother's Day. What a great and glorious occasion this day has become. It is a lasting memorial to the unceasing efforts of its founder, the late Anna Jarvis and a beautiful tribute to all mothers, living and dead. Each of us bears in our hearts a precious image of mother, who by her patience and devotion has proved our everlasting inspiration. There is none other we revere more than mother. How tremendous an influence she can be.

It makes a mother, so honored on this day, keenly aware of the great responsibility she bears. For in her hands she holds the fate of nations. By her wisdom and guidance she endows the race. In the endless quest for peace and tolerance her voice is raised in earnest supplication. By her forbearance and charity, she can make of all men, saviors of democracy.

As a mother, today, I pause in humble reverence to those mothers, who have preceded us. In deepest humility, I accept their priceless bequest. May we, unerringly, hold true to the ideals they have so painstakingly set forth. Today I am deeply moved and richly honored as I realize the glorious gift I hold within my heart and hands.

For I have known a child's dear arms about me
And fondled it in sweet caress.
What greater gift can any woman cherish
Than to feel a child's wee head upon her breast.

—Mrs. Frederic W. Anderson.

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

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

Mother's Day inevitably calls up a picture of a placid little dear in a lace cap, her feet placed demurely side by side upon a footstool, her hands folded serenely in her lap over an immaculate handkerchief, her eyes fixed upon vacancy.

Since Mr. Whistler perpetrated that classic picture of his mother, times have changed. The pleasing portrait of grandmother nodding over her knitting is out of date. Mothers, even octogenarian mothers, do seem to get around. It would take something a good bit more lethal than a blackjack to reduce one of these hardy specimens to a state of coma where she could be laid gracefully on the shelf and expected to stay there, or relegated to the chimney corner and instructed to lock ornamental.

The flight of the fledglings from the nest was once the signal for the bereft mother to retire into a hermetically sealed shell, but such is no longer the procedure. Mother, modern model, pants her departing young absent-mindedly on the head, reminds them that the latch-string is out in case they need a handout or a few words of timely advice, and turns her attention enthusiastically to the thousand and one interesting things to be done in the world. Up to now there has been no chance to mount a hobby, for child-rearing is a full time job while it lasts, but after the last chick is safely feathered out and able to manage his own affairs, there is leisure to follow any number of interesting pursuits.

When Mother's Day first took its place among the more important anniversaries of the year, urged on to its present stature by the florists and the manufacturers of greeting cards, the day was definitely intended for the more elderly member of the family, a pointed reminder that Mother still lighted a lamp in the window. The idea was to remind people to write to her at least once a year and maybe send a potted pansy.

To a person who writes to her own mother at least three times per week and goes to visit her whenever she can fabricate a reasonably water-tight excuse for making the long trip, a day set apart for the special recognition of mothers seems a bit redundant, something on the order of "Wash your face" day, or "Don't forget to eat your breakfast" day.

Seriously, are there sons and daughters who need to be reminded? Can any pot of pansies or flowered greeting card repay a mother for the lifelong investment she has made in her children? Is there any one day which can be set apart for thinking long thoughts about the only person in the world who can bear this unique relation? My mother is the wisest person I know. With eighty years of varied experience behind her, she knows most of the answers. The perspective and the sense of proportion which come only with the weight of years are hers, the measure pressed down and running over. She advises when advice is sought, refrains from intruding when problems must be worked out alone. She is always there, ready to welcome with open arms, serene and poised in times of stress. Never in all the years I have known her has she failed to hold herself completely under control, taking all things in her stride.

And I believe that I shall always have her, the vital spirit being so much more powerful than

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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	1
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	1	2
TOTAL	31	20

Another Area Without Water

Complaint Filed Against Water Co.

A formal complaint against Dallas-Shavertown Water Company was filed this week with the Public Utility Commission by residents of the Pioneer Avenue and Druid Hills sections of Kingston Township where there has been an acute shortage of water for household purposes for several weeks.

Leslie Warhola, manager of the company, has attributed the shortage to failure of several wells in Shavertown to supply water for the Pioneer Avenue and Druid Hills areas. In order to remedy this condition the company tied in the Shaver well which has been held in reserve on the Henry Shaver property, but the householders are still without water, and Warhola believes there may be a leak somewhere along the company's lines. During the week he has had crews of men looking for the leak.

Householders, however, say that the two and three inch lines which are used to supply their area are inadequate and that they will never be able to secure water so long as new homes are being built and these small lines are in use.

At any rate they have grown tired of carrying water from the homes of their neighbors who have drilled wells and this week filed their complaint in order to get action.

School Board President Explains Position On Natona Assessment

Editor The Post
Dear Sir:

In behalf of the Board of Directors of Dallas Township School District I would appreciate publication of the statement which follows, and which clearly outlines the position of the Dallas Township School Directors in the Natona Mills tax assessment question.

It is the firm belief and conviction of the directors that the original assessment figure of \$157,700.00 placed by the Luzerne County Board of Assessors on Natona Mills in November, 1947 was just and equitable. None of the directors was of the opinion that this assessment would cause any undue hardship on the operations of the mill. Considering the valuation of the mill itself, together with the machinery value, Natona has over a million dollars invested in this plant. Based on the present school millage of 33 mills, Natona Mills would pay approximate school tax of \$5,181.00 yearly. This sum the directors do not believe to be exorbitant in view of the capital value of the Natona plant, equipment and land.

Furthermore, consequent reduction of the assessment from \$157,700.00 to \$57,700.00 in December 1948 was done without the knowledge of the Board of Directors, and had no official authorization from the Board at any time. Therefore, with no knowledge of these reduction proceedings, and certainly

with no official authorization from the Board, the Directors have violated no agreement with regard to a tax assessment reduction.

In preparing the School District Budget for 1949-'50, the Dallas Township Board of Directors acted in good faith in believing that the Natona Mills officials would agree to pay a reasonable and fair tax. In view of this belief, the Board set the tax millage at 33 mills, which is the same as in recent years. It was further believed that both Natona Mills and Fernbrook Park Mills would willingly cooperate in assisting the School Board in meeting the rapidly expanding costs of present-day school operation.

Expressing for the individual directors of Dallas Township School District as well as for myself, we regret the decision which Natona Mills has made in its application for annexation to Dallas Borough. However, regrettable as it may be, we, as the official governing body for the schools of Dallas Township, believe in all sincerity that the original assessment as fixed in November, 1947, was a fair assessment, and that the Natona Mills officials should have accepted this assessment with good grace and a consciousness of their civic responsibilities.

Signed:
Donald J. Evans,
President,
Dallas Township
School Board

Diesels Work Night Shifts

Screeching Whistles Distrub Sleepers

In order to keep its Diesel engines working twenty-four hours a day, the Lehigh Valley is running its freight trains at night on the Bowman's Creek Branch.

The engine that screeches through the countryside at almost any hour from midnight until morning, is the same engine that during the daytime handles freight on the West Pittston Branch.

Most local freight in less than carload lots is now hauled to stations on the Bowman's Creek Branch by truck, but full car shipments, of which there are about sixty a month in the Dallas district, are hauled in by Diesel. The Dallas District comprises the area from Shavertown to what is known as Leonard's switch.

The night freight also picks up and distributes carload shipments at Noxen and at Trucksville, and does a considerable amount of switching in Dallas.

Traffic on the Branch has been exceptionally heavy this spring according to H. J. Borton, agent, within the past three years business at the local station has tripled not only because of shipments from Natona Mills but because of the increased population in the area. College Misericordia, Devens Mills, and three building supply companies also account for large volume.

Youths Cut In School Fracas

Students Run Into Plate Glass Door

Herbert Dreher, a senior at Dallas Borough High School, was painfully cut about the right hand and wrist Tuesday noon when he went through a plate glass window in one of the school entrance doors.

He and several other boys were playfully roughhousing on the lawn when one of them ran into the building with Herb following. The door was slammed and as he put up his arm to save his face, his arm went through the window.

Also injured by the flying glass was Bob Carbohn, a freshman.

Both were treated by Dr. A. A. Mascali who took eight stitches in Herb's palm and three in his forearm. Seven stitches were required to close the cuts in Bob's arm and hand.

Harry Allen Sr. Hurts Bad Leg

Under Observation At General Hospital

Harry Allen Sr., took a bad fall at his home at Harvey's Lake during the hailstorm two weeks ago and is now a patient at General Hospital where he is undergoing observation for injuries to his left leg.

Mr. Allen injured the leg a number of years ago and has endured almost constant pain since. On Saturday he was leaving his home with his wife when he slipped on a hailstone at the top of the porch steps and fell the entire distance to the ground.

His host of friends throughout the Back Mountain region wish him a speedy recovery for they know just how difficult it is for Harvey's Lake's best fisherman to remain inactive on a hospital bed during these balmy spring days.

Two Hundred Inspect New Mill

A preview of the new Fernbrook Plant of Bloomsburg Mills will be given Saturday afternoon to 200 Wyoming Valley and Back Mountain business and civic leaders who have played a part in the location and construction of the plant here.

Because sufficient facilities are not now available to handle more people, admittance will be by invitation only. The management hopes that before long it will be possible for more people to have an opportunity to inspect the big new plant.

Local Woman's Song On Scranton Program

Sarah E. Ferguson of Shavertown, well known composer, wrote both lyrics and music for "Mother Dear" which will be sung by Miss Gloria McNally at the Mother's Day service in Emmanuel Baptist Church of Scranton on Sunday. Miss McNally, nationally known soprano, has studied in Scranton and New York City.

Mrs. Ferguson also composed the music for "Should I go First" which will be sung by Christopher Lynch at the spring concert given by Concordia in Irem Temple May 9 and 10. George Keller wrote the words for it.

Harry Trebilcox Rated Superior at Pottstown

Harry Trebilcox, Kingston Township High School Junior, won a superior rating as pianist at the annual forensic contest held at Pottstown Friday morning. To be eligible for the Pottstown contest, he first had to be rated superior in the County and in the N.E. Pennsylvania Contests.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Trebilcox, Harry has been a pupil of Louie Weigand Ayre ever since he was a youngster. Louie had four pupils in the contest, another, Lois Piccone of Forty Fort was given an excellent rating.

Library Auction Committee To Meet

There will be an important meeting of all committees and committee chairmen for the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction at the Library on Sunday evening at 7.

St. Paul's To Burn Mortgage

Dr. R. L. Winters Will Be Guest Speaker

On Sunday morning, members of St. Paul's Lutheran will celebrate the 24th anniversary of the church. A large attendance is expected as the day will also mark the burning of the first and second mortgages on the building.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Roy L. Winters, superintendent of Board of Home Missions of Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania. A member of each organization will take part in the festival, namely, Fred Malkemes, Sunday School; Mrs. William Dierolf, Ladies Auxiliary; Mrs. Harry Ell, Dorcas Society; Dale Zimmerman, Brotherhood; Ronald Willauer, Luther League; Mrs. Christine Malkemes, Charter Member.

The cancelled mortgage will be presented for destruction by an officer of the church.

In keeping with the celebration, Rev. Frederick Mook, Jr., pastor will receive new members into the congregation. Service will be held at 11 A. M.

Navy Selects James Martin

Kingston Twp. Senior Wins Scholarship

James Martin, son of Professor and Mrs. James Martin, Shavertown has been selected as one of 144 Pennsylvania youths to receive a Navy College Scholarship which will entitle him to attend one of fifty-two Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps colleges in the U.S.

Jim has chosen State College. He will enter the engineering course in September. His second choice was University of California.

Jim will graduate in June from Kingston Township as salutatorian of his class. He has a high scholastic record, is deeply interested in sports and is popular member of the student body. He has been a newspaper carrier boy for four years.

The award is not only an honor, for the recipient, but also for Kingston Township Schools of which his father, Prof. James Martin, is supervising principal.

Children's Matinee Increasingly Popular

The special children's matinee every Saturday afternoon at 2 at Himmler Theatre is becoming increasingly popular. All of the pictures are obtained from the National Children's Film Library and are approved by women's clubs, educational associations and the national Parent-Teacher Association. Among the subjects which will be shown during the next few weeks are Son of "Davy Crockett," "Poor Little Rich Girl," "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" "Young Mr. Lincoln." The film this Saturday afternoon is "Junior Army."

OES Wants More Rummage Items

Dallas Chapter, Order of Eastern Star will hold a rummage sale in the Keller Building, Main Street, Luzerne, on May 16, 17 and 18.

Those having merchandise for the sale are urged to call Mrs. Rineman Dallas 159-R-4 and a truck will call for it.

Lehman High School Band Prepares For Concert



Lehman Township High School Band will present its annual Spring Concert, Friday, May 13, at 8:15 P. M.

For the third consecutive year the Lehman Band, under the direction of Bernard J. Gerrity, has

won the local division of the Pennsylvania Music and Forensic League with a rating of good in the State contest. Lehman School has reason to be proud of Mr. Gerrity's musical leadership.

Featured in the program will be:

student conductors: Elsie Jean Ide, Arthur Nuss, Evelyn Keller; a two piano duet by Elsie Jean Ide and Mary Joan Williams, a saxophone quintette consisting of Lloyd Naughte, Mary Joan Williams, Francis Cornell, Joy Lou Steele, and

John Southwell. Solists include Mary Joan Williams, Richard Weidner and Alice Ehret.

For the final number Goldie Ide will do a twirling routine with an illuminated baton.