

Small Towns Dominate

An article in the April 15 issue of U. S. News & World Report said: "President Truman, looking over the state of his 'Fair Deal', is beginning to wonder if the 1948 election really meant what he thought it did. Freshman members of Congress are wondering too. They came to Washington thinking they were to be part of a new crusade. But the President has been stopped in his tracks and is having to resurvey the field." Since that was written, there have been new cleavages between him and Congress, it is clear that he has little chance of getting more than a small part of his ambitious program approved, and the Administration has been forced to try a series of stratagems in an attempt to assert its authority.

What is the reason for this, in view of the supposed "mandate" Mr. Truman was given last November? About 59 per cent of the population lives in cities, and so these people naturally hold the power when it comes to electing a President. But Presidents can't pass laws. And Congress, which does pass the laws, "is dominated by men from small towns and rural areas," as U.S. News put it. That is also true of the majority of state legislatures.

The House of Representatives has 435 members of whom 276 represent districts that are rural in nature, as against 159 from urban constituencies. In the Senate, the division cannot be judged so exactly, but when it comes to votes on controversial measures, rural power makes itself felt with comparable effectiveness.

This situation explains why Mr. Truman has so much trouble in attempting to control the members of his own party, much less the Republican minority. According to the U.S. News breakdown, 144 of the 263 House Democrats "reflect the thinking of rural districts." Up to 150 Republicans go along with this group. Inasmuch as 218 votes constitute a majority in the House, it can be easily seen that the rural-minded members have a wide edge. To quote the News again, "The net result is that Mr. Truman usually can be beaten on any issue that does not fit the mood of both rural and urban members."

Thus, the real power in the American government literally lies in the grass-roots. It is vested in lawmakers who, as a general rule, are wary of extremes—who believe a middle-of-the-road course is best, and are not apt to be stampeded by the results of a Presidential election. Even Mr. Roosevelt found this to be so—his honeymoon with Congress wasn't as short-lived as Mr. Truman's, but it wore itself out in much the same way. Only the coming of the war, in the view of many, prevented a very serious stalemate between the White House and a Congress which was growing more and more restive.

FROM
PILLAR TO POST

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

Please, somebody, contribute a water-tight rain barrel to the Library Auction sale. The barrel which once caught the rain water from the eaves of the Pump House has disintegrated, its hex and tulip-painted staves spreading out around the warped base like the discouraged petals of a painted daisy. That rain barrel was more than a cistern, it was a landmark for visiting firemen, and now that the decorated barrel has collapsed, folks from town have a hard time identifying the place.

A cider barrel will do if a bona fide rain barrel is not available. The original barrel was never intended to hold water in the first place, but dishes packed in excelsior, and following the first heavy rainstorm it warped out of shape and leaked at the seams. Having decorated one barrel successfully with Pennsylvania Dutch designs, I now feel qualified to do a bang-up job on another. So somebody please oblige me with a stout rainbarrel for the auction.

If it is possible to dig up asparagus roots in July without disastrous results, I hope somebody who has too large a bed of asparagus, if such a thing can be imagined, will dig up a dozen roots and bring them to the produce booth.

After reading Ralph Knight's article on why he is thankful he no longer has a garden in last week's issue of Satevepost, I feel that I can no longer live happily without an asparagus bed. He says that his asparagus kept right on coming up through the grass after he had turned his garden into a lawn, and that there is nothing quite so delightful as freshly mown asparagus drenched in melted butter. Mr. Knight's children served it hot off the revolving blades of the lawn mower as Mr. Knight himself reclined at ease in a sagging hammock.

If asparagus is that tough to kill, it would probably do well in my garden. The five cents' worth of asparagus seed sowed last year has come up in a straggling row of spindly ferns, but investigation of the root structure shows no such horrifying looking octopus growths as Mr. Knight describes as giving birth to edible asparagus shoots. Maybe I should have shot the weeds and invested ten cents, throwing in a dash of fertilizer for good measure.

So, a rain barrel and asparagus roots.

And some peony roots, along with a blueprint on planting them to insure blossoms instead of a forest of leaves.

And a white lilac bush, the kind that grows at the Library, sweet scented and heavy with bloom, its title to be transferred at the auction, its roots to be dug carefully next fall when the sap is down and transplanting is safe.

These seem to be modest requirements, and somebody who has the answers should give them, for the sake of the library and for the sake of Mrs. T. M. B.

Club Sponsors Play

Grove Theatre, Nuangola, will present a successful current play, "The Traitor" for the benefit of Dallas Kiwanis Club's Underprivileged Children's Fund on Tuesday evening, August 23.

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BOX SCORE

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

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

Many Enrolled In 4-H Projects

Dairy Clubs Now Have 28 Calves

By J. D. Hutchison

Agricultural projects being conducted by two hundred and twenty-five 4-H Club members in nine communities throughout the County are reported by Assistant County Agent, Leonard G. Yearick to be well under way.

Among the most popular livestock projects are pig feeding and raising of registered dairy calves. Twenty-eight registered dairy calves representing the four major breeds are now owned by boys and girls enrolled in Back Mountain and Conyngham Valley calf clubs. Additional registered calves will soon be enrolled by club members.

Popular poultry projects include capon, chicken, rooster and turkey feeding. Sixteen hundred and twenty birds are enrolled under these feeding projects. Poultry raised for meat purposes are marketed in the fall.

Other projects of major interest include vegetable crops such as: sweet corn, tomatoes and potatoes. Among small fruits strawberries offer great promise to farm or urban club members. Where the quantity produced exceeds family consumption the 4-H Club member seeks a retail market for his vegetables. Flowers are popular as projects with girls. Gladiolas, tulips, pansies, zinnias and marigolds top the list in preference both by the 4-H Club member and the market's demands.

4-H Club members look to their local club leaders and the County Agent, James D. Hutchison, for technical advice. Complete records of receipts and expenditures are kept by the individual. Projects are visited by the County Agent during the summer months and are scored according to the management practiced and care given the plants or animals. Most 4-H projects are terminated in September when school begins and club meetings recess during the winter months.

Most community 4-H Clubs and the dairy calf clubs are encouraged and assisted by Kiwanis and Lions clubs from nearby communities. The generosity and genuine interest of these civic organizations contribute materially to the success of 4-H Club activities where the rural boys and girls learn to do worthwhile things by the intelligent use of their leisure time.

St. Paul's Accepts Members Into Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church welcomed the following new members Sunday: Elizabeth Florence Dierolf, Frank Albert Fischer, William Joseph Hartman, Lottie Dolores Holtzman, Lorraine Hoover Hoover, Marilyn Bernice Lundy, Carol Ruth Malkemes, James Albert Owens Jr., William Irvin Winter, Gail Margaret Woolbert.

To Hold Bake Sale

Dallas Junior Woman's Club is having a bake sale, Saturday, June 11, at Oliver's Show Room from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Students Beautify Grounds



Students of Walter Mohr's tenth grade biology classes are shown above clearing away brush from trees planted in front of Kingston Township High School six years ago. In 1943, Kingston Township students under the direction of Frank Shappelle, Bernard Novicki and Donald Malkemes cleared two acres of brushland that lay between the high school and Lehigh Valley Railroad and planted 2,000 spruce trees. The trees were donated by the State through the efforts of James Hutchison, Luzerne County

Agricultural agent, and are visible from the Main Highway.

The three former students responsible for the improvement all saw action during the war. Shappelle served as a member of the Air Force, Novicki in the Marines and Donald Malkemes gave his life with the infantry in Europe. In the picture above are: Peggy Ackerman, Warran Liem, Carl Follmer, John Pesavento, Paul Hughey, Ted Hinkle, Alice Capwell and Bill Poepperring.

Dallas Methodists Observe Anniversary



Twenty-Four Pastors Have Served Dallas Church During Sixty Years

During this week Dallas Methodist Church is observing the 60th anniversary of its dedication on June 5, 1889 by Bishop Foss.

Board Awards Contracts

Kingston Township School Board awarded bids for school repairs on Monday night. Contract for repairs at Trucksville Grade School was let to Thomas Jenkins, Shavertown at his low bid of \$135.00. Contract for repairs of Trucksville Grade School roof and flashings was awarded to Parry & Company, Luzerne at their low bid of \$148.00.

The local budget was adopted. A delegation from the Band Association requested purchase of twelve new uniforms and a bass horn.

Large Audience Applauds Brees

Boys Outnumber Girls In Graduating Class

Kingston Township graduating class had an outstanding and talented speaker Friday evening when Hon. Orlo M. Brees gave an address "Fences and Horizons". His remarkable intellect, winning manner and unusual wit met with tremendous applause. A former newspaper editor, Mr. Brees closed his address with one of his own poems.

The large class of graduates found the auditorium filled to capacity with parents, relatives and friends. Seated upon a stage, attractively decorated with red and white flowers, representing the class colors, the large assemblage of boys and girls formed an inspiring picture.

James A. Martin Jr. and Clara Marie Baur, salutatorian and valedictorian presented excellent discourses on "Democracy Can Survive" and "The Pursuit of Happiness". The scope of their speeches was beyond the expected offering of high school age students. It was the first experience for both in speaking from a public stage.

Alumni awards were won by Miss Baur and William Morgan. Miss Baur also received a full tuition scholarship to College Misericordiae.

Supervising principal, James Martin disclosed that boys outnumbered girls in the class. There were twenty-eight boys and twenty-three girls. Usually girls outnumber boys.

Ruth Turn Reynolds To Give June Recital

Junior Voice Pupils of Ruth Turn Reynolds will give a recital at Trucksville Methodist Church, Friday, June 17th at 8 for the benefit of the Choir Robe Fund.

Shavertown Firemen Prepare For Field Days June 22 to 25

The annual Field Day of Shavertown Fire Company will be held June 22 to June 25 inclusive. The affair which will be held on the fire company lot on Main Road will offer bingo and other games for the entertainment of the public. Booths will be open on the grounds.

Fred Nicely, president, has announced the following committees: A. F. Stitzer, Joseph Shrey, stands and concessions; Allan Johnson, Fred Nicely, lighting; William Dierolf, John Chapple, building and grounds; Police Officer Louis Banta, John Stevenson, police; L. T. Schwartz, J. Gaughan, publicity; Stanley Davis, John Eck, auditing; Howard Conrad, Howard Woolbert, purchasing; Ralph Gearhart, Ted Poad, John Chapple, program; John But-

ler, Willard Lozo Sr., Sterling Fiske, games; Mrs. A. George Prater, Mrs. Fred Nicely, dinner; Mrs. Russell Cease, dining room; Mrs. William Dierolf, solicitation; Mrs. Howard Conrad, chance books; Mrs. Charles Reed, tickets; Miss Myrtle Major, publicity.

Ladies Auxiliary of Shavertown Fire Company will serve a roast beef supper on Thursday evening, June 23 during the Field Day celebration of the local fire company. Mrs. Russell Cease is general chairwoman with Mrs. Harriet Prater in charge of the dinner committee. Many events have been planned for the coming affair and the public is cordially invited to help make this annual festivity a great success.

Mrs. Mae Husted Will be Ninety

Formerly Taught In Township and Borough

On Wednesday, June 15 one of the oldest residents of the Back Mountain region will observe her ninetyeth birthday. A charming and gracious lady, Mrs. Mae Starmer Husted, Main road, Shavertown, will mark her anniversary with a family dinner on Sunday.

Born in Dallas, the daughter of Lewis and Katherine Delay Starmer, she has resided in this area all her life. A teacher of exceptional ability, Mrs. Husted taught in Dallas Township six years and served as an instructor in Dallas Borough for three years. The high esteem in which she was held was evidenced by the gifts of appreciation she received upon her retirement from the profession she loved. From the Dallas School Board she proudly accepted a fine gold pen and from her primary students a beautiful silver fruit dish.

She was married to Delbert E. Husted, Idetown, sixty-five years ago and resided there until the family moved to Shavertown in 1919. Her husband passed away three years ago. Mrs. Husted was the mother of four children, Harry and Mrs. Myrtle Alling who reside with her and Earl and Ethel, now deceased. She has four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In fairly good health, Mrs. Husted is an entertaining and delightful hostess with an unusual amount of wit and good humor. A devout Christian character endears her to all her many friends who wish her a very happy and pleasant birthday.

Parade Feature Of Horse Show

Lehman Grounds To Be Vastly Improved

A parade of antique automobiles and horses will be but one of the many new added features when Lehman Volunteer Fire Company opens its Fifth annual horse show on Lehman School Grounds on July 4.

Another feature will be a roast beef dinner at noon in the school auditorium. It will be served by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

At an enthusiastic meeting of more than thirty committee members on Monday evening, Howard Stull, chairman, announced that this year's program will be at least twelve pages larger than last year's and that his committee has already sold more than a third of the space available. His committee will meet again next Monday night in the High School to hear final reports.

Lewis Ide, president of the company, announced that a movement is on foot to purchase additional horse show equipment, including lights, jumps, stalls and seats.

Arthur Ehret, in charge of show grounds, has made arrangements to have horses stabled in a new location on a lot owned by Wesley Moore. He also announced that there will be more box seats than last year.

Heading the parade committee is Alex Tough. Working with him are: William Oncay, Gilbert Sutton, Bill Major, and Russell Johnson.

All those wishing to enter the parade should telephone their entries to him at once so that they can be listed in the program.

Edward V. Hartman, show chairman, is pleased with the large list of entries already received. A number of events have been changed and he predicts the best year in the history of the Lehman Show.

Noxen Alumni To Dine At Country Club Tonight

Noxen Alumni Association will hold its annual banquet and dance in honor of its 1949 graduates at Irem Temple Country Club at 6:30 tonight.

All Noxen people who are interested in the association are welcome to attend, whether graduates or not.

A program has been planned by Letha Byrnes, Grace Case and Louise Wyant. Speakers will be Calvin McHose and Severn Newberry.

Officers are Severn Newberry, president; Letha Byrnes, vice-president; Louise Wyant, secretary; and Grace Case, treasurer. To date 140 reservations have been made.

There will be music for square and round dancing donated by Al Keiper and his band.

For late reservations call Severn Newberry, Dallas 387.

Dallas Pastors

Since it was made a separate appointment, Dallas church has had the following pastors:

- 1882—Elijah L. Santee, 1883-'84
- Gideon C. Lyman, 1885-'87—S. J. Austin, 1888-'89—F. Gendall, 1890—J. B. Cooke, '91-'92—Jonas Underwood, '93—J. F. Williams, '94-'97—W. B. Westlake, '98—G. T. Price, '99-'1902—F. W. Young, 1903-'08—David Evans, '09-'10—William S. Crandall, '11-'15—Wilson Treible, '16—Joshua Brundel, '17—H. H. Wilbur, '18-'22—Joseph R. Pennell, '23-'24—W. Fallis Hunter, '25-'28—Judson C. Bailey, '29-'30—W. E. Webster, '31-'32—F. D. Hartsock, '33-'41—Francis Freeman, '42-'43—Austin Prynne, '43-'44—E. E. Lord, '45—F. W. Reinfort.