

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

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

"What do you expect it to do, light up like a pinball machine?" That was Barbara, replying wittingly to an expressed hope that the huge toad would run out his sticky tongue and wrap up an insect in it while still near enough to be observed.

The clod of earth had detached itself from the day-lily border and was dragging itself across the terrace, belly-down to the cool concrete. No hopping, just that leisurely advance, one leg after another. He parked himself in front of the screen door where a dim light from the kitchen might be expected to attract mosquitoes, squatted on his warty haunches, and settled down to his nightly vigil. A young moon was going down over Chestnut Ridge, the evening star pricked the sky. A cool night breeze was beginning to blow, the mist drifted in wisps across the meadow.

Peaceful and truly rural, the whole set-up, and then that jarring note about the pinball machine.

It grew darker and darker, the toad barely visible from a distance of five feet. It also grew chillier, and the mosquitoes which the toad should have been attending to in the way of business were attacking our ankles. We rose creakingly to our feet, abandoning our project of watching a toad at work, and fixing our minds upon the lighting of the reading lamp in the living room and the reading of the newest whodunit from the library.

The toad lit up like a pinball machine.

The flash of that lethal tongue had been too swift for human eye to note, but there was the firefly going down and down, signalling frantically as he followed the swallow. Toads have thin skins over their throats, and the faint green light showed up the inner structure like an X-Ray.

Gruesome, that's what. Somebody should write a whodunit with a firefly for the victim and a toad for the villain.

New Lighting Aids Traffic

Dallas Among First To Promote Safety

The first community in the country to use mercury-vapor lighting at its dangerous street intersections, Dallas Borough on Wednesday night turned on its new street lighting at Main, Lake, Church and Huntsville Road intersections.

The three powerful lights installed by Luzerne County Gas & Electric Corp. removed dangerous shadows and lit up the intersections with a day light brilliance that will go a long way toward promoting highway safety. Borough officials were present to witness the effect, and expressed their complete satisfaction with the installation.

The lamps will remain the property of the Luzerne County Gas and Electric Corp., who will service and maintain them. Monthly rental for each lamp is \$7 as compared with the old lamps at \$3 each.

From the safety aspect, Borough officials said, the new lights are worth a dozen times the rental costs of the older outmoded lamps.

Scores Attend Services For Warren Yeisley

Dallas Man Was Court Stenographer Thirty-Five Years

With a multitude of friends and associates gathered to pay final tribute, Warren J. Yeisley, Overbrook avenue, was laid to rest on Monday afternoon. Present were judges, attorneys and many Luzerne County Court officials. Rev. Howard Harrison officiated with Rev. Frederick Mook, Jr. assisting. Bearers, all members of Fourth District Odd Fellows, were Henry Symons, L. V. Andreas, Atlee Kocher Nelson Shaver, Cletus Sweezy and Elwood McCarty. Interment was in Warden Cemetery, Dallas.

Ill for seven months, Mr. Yeisley had submitted to two operations within that time, but his condition gradually became worse and he passed away at his home on Thursday afternoon. A friendly man and conscientious worker, who performed every task well, he was extremely popular. He had resided in this area for 19 years.

Deeply interested in his home and family, he was a kind and loving father. His hobbies were hunting and fishing. To the organizations with which he was affiliated, he gave much time and effort.

He was past president of Dallas Rotary Club; district deputy grand master of the Fourth District of Luzerne County IOOF and a member of Patriarch Militant, Wilkes-Barre Unit 12. He was a member

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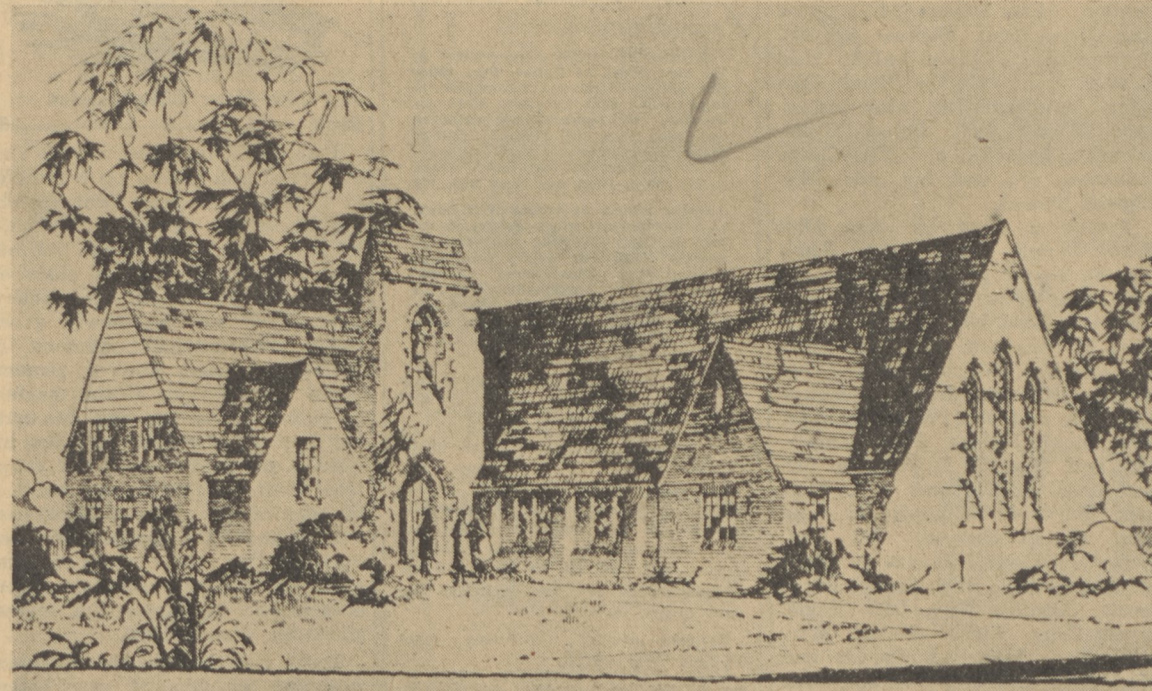
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BOX SCORE

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

Architect's Drawing Of New Episcopal Church



Generous financial support has been offered by the Diocese of Bethlehem to Prince of Peace Parish so that it can start construction of its new church at once. It is expected that construction will be completed before the end of the year. The church will be built on a plot of land near the Broody property on lower Main street, Dallas.

Diocese Approves Construction Of New Prince of Peace Church

Father Grogan Honored Guest

St. Therese's Priest Goes to Williamsport

Rev. Father Bernard Grogan, formerly of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown was guest of honor Tuesday evening at a farewell party held in the church auditorium attended by 450 parishoners and friends. Rev. Grogan who has been transferred to the Church of Annunciation, Williamsport, was a leader in community affairs and will be greatly missed. He received a substantial purse as a token of appreciation for his services. Rev. Grogan was a member of the local parish for four and one-half years.

Honored guests were Rev. J. J. O'Leary, Rev. Thomas Corcoran, North Carolina; Rev. John Walsh, College Misericordia; Rev. Joseph McGowan, Rev. John O'Neill, Rev. Joseph Padden and Rev. Robert Webster. Stephen Tkach was toastmaster. Children of the parish, who entertained with vocal, dancing, and instrumental numbers were Thomas Stash, Nancy and Theresa O'Neill, Joan Pesavento, Catherine Seiber, Carol Hilgerty, Claudia An Laux, Ann Marie Dunham, and Joy and Patsy Keller. Group singing was led by Mrs. Robert Laux. John Steele played several zither selections and Jacob Anderes and daughter Marie entertained with a Bavarian dance.

The affair was sponsored by all societies of the church with Mrs. Frank McGarry as chairman assisted by Herman Seiber and John Baur.

There is also adequate automobile parking space. Rev. Williams said that the Diocese of Bethlehem, through Bishop Frank W. Sterrett, has contributed generously to the building fund and has offered its spiritual support. Trustees of the Diocese are impressed with the enthusiastic support given the building fund, and have encouraged this enthusiasm with a substantial financial gift.

Edmund G. Hildebrand, junior warden of the church, is the architect. From plans and specifications furnished by Mr. Hildebrand, a booklet, embodying a history of the Prince of Peace Church and a prospectus of plans, aims and objectives will be prepared, and will be given to all Episcopalians in the Back Mountain Region.

Realization that the church building will be ready for occupancy before the end of the year brings much happiness and personal satisfaction to the members, particularly those who have worked for many years to establish the Prince of Peace Parish in the Back Mountain area. Organization of the parish, and a building fund program, was inaugurated in the early 1930's but with the advent of the depression the hope of the membership for a new church had to be abandoned.

The committee appointed by Rev. Mr. Williams will comprise Donald J. Evans, chairman; Theodore Raub, Elwood C. Hudson, Paul Goddard, Charles W. Lee, and the rector. Officers and members of the church vestry are: Fred H. Renard, honorary senior warden; Charles W. Lee, senior warden; Edmund G. Hildebrand, junior warden; Alfred S. James, secretary; Donald C. Clark, treasurer; Sheldon T. Evans, Fred C. Schmitt, Elwood C. Hudson, Thomas Andrew and Donald J. Evans. Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary are: Mrs. Stanley Frederick, president; Mrs. Donald C. Clark, vice-president; Mrs. Paul R. Daily, secretary; Mrs. Sheldon T. Evans, treasurer; Mrs. Donald J. Evans, publicity; and Mrs. Ann Raub, corresponding secretary.

Evelyn Keller Gives First Piano Recital

Miss Evelyn Keller, talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Keller of Idetown, was presented in a delightful piano recital by her teacher, Mrs. Lillian Oliver in the Charles 'N' Mary Music Store in Wilkes-Barre Tuesday evening.

Among her selections were compositions by Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Debussy and Lecuona. Though Evelyn has been studying piano for several years, this was her first individual recital.

Battle and Massacre At Wyoming One Hundred Seventy Years Ago

By ANNE DORRANCE

The date was July second, 1778; just one hundred and seventy one years ago. The place was the Wyoming Valley with its several small settlements of men and women predominantly from Connecticut.

On that day a drunken Indian staggered through the settlements babbling about a coming attack on them by British forces and 400 to 700 Indians, the greater part Senecas. Colonel John Butler was in command. In his troops were his "Tory Rangers", a detachment of Sir John Johnson's "Royal Green". The Indians, numbered from four to seven hundred depending on the authority one consults.

On this morning of July second the force reached Fort Wintermoot at the head of the valley.

Down river a few miles, men, women and children were herded in Fort Forty which we now call Fort Forty. This so-called fort was only a stockade made of logs fourteen or fifteen feet long. Timbers set in the earth and offering but little protection from an overwhelming enemy. It stood about one mile down stream from the old meeting house which was not there on this momentous day. The location of the fort is now identified by a stone marker on the left side of the river road.

Within the walls were men, women and children facing a slaughter whose character they knew only too well. All the able bodied men and boys were serving with the colonial forces.

This meant that any force the settlers could muster would be of old men and young boys with but few hopelessly inadequate arms. Consultation followed consultation.

The question was to stay in the stockade and take the punishment or to go out, meet the enemy and fight with all they had.

They went, they fought and took what came in their stride.

This decision was reached on the morning of July 3rd: to march out and give battle, since to delay would only mean a larger invasion force.

Colonel Zebulon Butler took command. He headed the American right wing, aided by Major Garrett. The left wing was commanded by Colonel Denison. His aid was Lt. Colonel George Dorrance.

They planned to engage the enemy toward evening. Then the sun would be in the enemies' eyes, not in theirs.

Thus Butler and Dorrance supported by Captain Hewitt with forty or fifty so called "regulars"—they only had what we would call "boot training", which was an advantage over none. The combined forces numbered about four hundred.

They left Fort Forty, marched westward to the Great Road—"Great" because it was laid out one hundred feet wide. We have demeaned it, cheapened it by renaming it Wyoming Avenue. They turned right and marched to the place where Abraham's Creek crossed the Great Road. There sitting with their backs to the sun they rested and quite naturally carried on their consultations.

When the time had come to march, they went on up the Great Road and met the invaders in Troy as Wyoming was then called. A marker along the roadside some-

what above the Wyoming Monument indicates the line of battle.

There British strength plus Indian treachery faced American determination. The battle began. It was courageously fought but there could be only one answer—defeat. The odds were heaped high against the colonists.

Darkness came, the fighting rested. In the morning massacre was added to fighting. During the flight of the pitifully few survivors the Indians took full measure of revenge.

On July fourth Colonel Dorrance saw one of his men falter. He called to him "Stand up to your work, sir!" Instantly an Indian tomahawked Dorrance.

Hopelessly outnumbered, decimated by Indian atrocities the battle was physically lost. There was another side to this defeat. The cruelty of the unequal strengths and the use of savage allies were stamped deep in the minds of other peoples. This battle was largely responsible for the intervention of the French nation, on the side of the colonists.

The articles of surrender were signed in Fort Forty. In the group around the table stood George Dorrance's wife and his fourteen year old son, Benjamin. An Indian stood nearby wearing Lt. Colonel Dorrance's uniform. Benjamin recognized it, knew his father was dead, his mother a widow.

Later Benjamin Dorrance described the Indian: "his nostrils distended and his burning eyes flashed like basilisk's glanced quickly to the right and the left with true Indian jealousy and circumspection lest some treachery or ambushade might await them in the fort."

Egg Packing Plant Opens

Station Established At Dixon's Market

William E. Hodgson of Bloomsburg who has been in the butter and egg business for the past twelve years, has opened an egg packing station in the basement of Dixon's Market.

Mr. Hodgson operates other stations at Meshoppen and Richfield and packs under the name of Richfield Farms.

"We expect to deliver to the consumer through the retail store, the finest Pennsylvania eggs money can buy," Mr. Hodgson said. Asked why he selected Dallas as a location for his packing plant, Mr. Hodgson said, "Because I like the community and because the refrigeration plant and the basement of Mr. Dixon's store are ideal for egg storage. We will candle and carton eggs here and will probably employ a force of from eight to ten persons."

Richfield Farms will buy eggs locally and throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. Marketing is mainly in New York and Philadelphia.

Clara Grose is in charge of the local station.

Fireworks At Noxen On 4th

Parade And Baseball Games Are Scheduled

Noxen will hold an all-day celebration, July 4. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6824 will provide a program beginning at 10 and continuing until dark, when fireworks will climax the celebration.

George Hackling, post commander, has announced that the holiday parade will form at Noxen Methodist Church, continue through the town around the tannery and return to the baseball diamond. Many floats are expected with prizes awarded for the three best. In charge of the parade are Gilbert Boston, George VanCampen, Clifford Casterline and George Smith. Participating will be Spanish American War Veterans, Veterans of World War I and II, Gold Star Mothers and business concerns. Ruggles Band will play.

The baseball game will be played in the afternoon. In the evening women of both town churches will have a softball contest. In charge of ball games are Arthur Blizard and Leland Case.

Following the ball game there will be bingo. Pony rides will be available for the kiddies with Frank Wright in charge. Ladies of Methodist and Lutheran Churches will have refreshment booths where sandwiches, pastries, soft drinks and confections will be sold.

A mammoth fireworks display will begin at dark, under the direction of Howard Shook, Dave Dendler and George Hackling. Donation committee for fireworks was comprised of Arthur Blizard, William Siglin and Robert Hackling. Serving on the bingo committee are Vane Race, Corey Traver, Gene Traver, Edward Smith, Elvin Beahm, Raymond Keiper and William Hackling. In charge of advertising are Warren Beahm, David Brobst, Delbert Blizard.

Marine Corps Promotes Szela

K-T Coach Made First Lieutenant

Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps announced Monday the promotion of Thaddeus A. Szela, Dallas RFD 1 to first lieutenant in the Marine Reserve.

Lieutenant Szela attended Dallas Township High School and State Teachers' College, East Stroudsburg, where he was prominent in athletics.

Entering the Marine Corps in 1942 as a private he was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1946. During World War II he served nine months overseas at Pearl Harbor.

Lieutenant Szela is a holder of various theater ribbons and will get a degree in physical education in August this year. He is coach of baseball, basketball, and football at Kingston Township High School.

Bantams Win

John Fowler of Orange won two firsts and one second with his Bantams at the American Poultry Convention Show held at Honesdale on Sunday.

New Building Replaces Camp Burned At Noxen

Children's Service Center To Occupy Quarters This Month

A modern new summer camp for the Children's Service Center is rising out of the ashes where the former camp at Noxen was destroyed by fire two years ago.

The new main lodge, though smaller than the former building, will be complete in every detail and more attractive in design. It will have kitchen, recreation and dining areas and sleeping quarters for twenty-four children. The structure will be fire resistant with brown rustic siding. The kitchen will be completely fire proof and of concrete block construction so that it can be used for storage purposes when the camp is closed during the winters.

Designed by Robert Eyerman, the camp is being constructed by Edward Eyerman. With the exception of landscaping, it is expected that work will be completed this week.

The camp was established on the road between Noxen and Stull more than thirty years ago on land given by the Stull family. For many years more than 100 children from broken homes spent their summers there. For the past eleven years, however, the camp has been used for the treatment of emotional and behavior difficulties instead of as an orphanage. Five supervisors will be on duty.

The Children's Service Center under the direction of Dr. J. Franklin Robinson of Trucksville has become something of a model for this type of service during the past nine years. Other centers throughout the country have been patterned after what is being done here. More than 225 consultations have been sought during the past five years by other groups doing similar work throughout the country, including almost every section of the United States, and most of the Provinces of Canada, England, Norway, Finland, India and the Argentine have sent representatives to Wilkes-Barre to study the program. During the latter years of the war when scientific communication was limited, the local center sent information abroad through the Office of War Information.

Early this month Dr. Robinson was called to his home city, Toronto, Canada, to lecture and hold conferences at the meetings of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene of the Canadian Government, held at the University of Toronto, his alma mater. There the Child Psychiatric program for the City of Toronto was reviewed.

The Wilkes-Barre Center is the only center developed during the war and is one of twelve major training centers in the United States, all others being in large cities and connected with big Universities. It has a professional staff of twelve and four psychiatrists. Such a center, in Wilkes-Barre, is made possible by the generous benefactions and endowment from the Martha Bennett Estate.

Odd Fellows Sponsor Game

Funds Will Go To Sunbury Orphanage

Oneida Lodge I.O.O.F. will sponsor a baseball game between Wilkes Barre Indians and Williamsport at Artillery Park on Monday night, August 29, for the benefit of the I.O.O.F. Orphanage at Sunbury.

All Odd Fellows' Lodges in Luzerne County have been invited to be represented with delegations and all sports fans in the Back Mountain Region are invited to join with the Odd Fellows to make it a banner night for the Indians.

Members of the committee are Cletus Sweezy, Earl H. Monk, Robert Brown and Elwood McCarty. The Odd Fellows will receive twenty-five cents on every admission over 2,000 which is the average attendance at the park.

This sum will be turned over to the account of the thirty-two I.O.O.F. Lodges in Luzerne County to help swell their contribution to the Orphanage. All subordinate Lodges throughout the State are presently engaged in a campaign to raise money to completely renovate and modernize the Orphanage which over the years has achieved an enviable reputation for turning out first class citizens.

Quota for the county is \$6,618, and for Dallas Lodge is \$318.50.