

SAFETY VALVE

Protests Scant Water Supply

Blames Deficiency On Lack of Foresight

Dear Editor:

When the process of creation began, one of the most abundant and natural resources created was water, that mighty necessity to the existence of man.

But in the midst of progress and the world's greatest inventions, in Shavertown, set amidst an abundance of natural resources and beauty, there is a serious lack of water.

For a period of several years, his water supply has been governed by Dallas-Shavertown Water Company. With a number of old wells trying to take care of a rapidly expanding area, anyone with a bit of foresight could predict the outcome.

On a terrifically hot and muggy day, after hours of work in a stifling city, a man comes home to find no water in which to bathe, no water to quench his thirst, oftentimes no water to prepare his meals. Such a situation doesn't make for contentment. As to bathroom facilities, the old outhouse was preferable to a modern bathroom with no water to make it useful. On many occasions when we exult over a spigot finally dripping the precious liquid, we turn in disgust from the muddy and particle filled water.

In desperation the P.U.C. was recently appealed to, after all other reasonable methods failed, and the water company as a last resort blamed the whole unfortunate situation on the deep wells drilled by Fernbrook Mill. How this affects wells a mile or so distant is rather difficult to perceive, since the poor water supply existed before the advent of the new wells.

If the Water Company plans to tap into the mill wells, what better source of supply could be obtained than for the water company to drill several deep wells of its own at strategic points within the area? An abundance of water is underground and in many places at not too great depth. This method would furnish a large area with good and plentiful water instead of the oft-times foul tasting and scanty liquid we now are forced to accept.

That this constitutes an expenditure we well know, but it would be a worthwhile one. Many individuals have been forced to drill wells on their own property due to the existing condition. The Water Company claims it is losing money, despite an increase in rates of approximately 27%. It claims it has received few complaints. Many residents will attest to making many such. A survey of public opinion might prove interesting.

It is usually the policy of a business concern to show a profit or to improve the business and if it

fails to do so, usually the only choice left to the individual or concern is to sell out to someone who can meet the public demands.

If no adequate improvement is made within the near future, it is to be hoped that the P.U.C. will see fit to award the water franchise to some concern who can furnish residents with the water they rightfully need.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Fredric W. Anderson

IDETOWN

Clark Smith of Allentown is spending his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith.

Glenda Mae Lyons is spending a few days visiting her aunt, Mrs. George Smith of Wilkes-Barre. Her sister, Gloria Jean Lyons, recently celebrated her 5th birthday.

Mrs. Daniel Brown spent Tuesday with Mrs. Walter Smith who is recovering from a recent operation. The Wright Reunion will be held on August 7, at Traver's Park, Evans Falls. All friends and relatives are urged to attend.

The Parrish and Frear Reunion will be held at Dale-Wood Cottage on Saturday July 30.

Mr. James Krieger of Johnson City, N.Y., Mrs. Edward Dungey Jr., of Wilkes-Barre spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. James Castlerline recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stober and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trout and daughter Jerry of Reading spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Castlerline.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Steele of St. Petersburg, Fla. are spending three weeks with relatives and friends in New York and Pennsylvania.

Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Griffiths, has returned to his home in Syracuse, N. Y. after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wright. Mary Claire McKenna returned with Dan to spend some time with the Griffiths.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kitchen entertained at a family dinner on Friday. Guests present: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Terranova of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. William A. Farver of Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Daniel Brown of West Dallas, the host and hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Terranova and Mrs. Kitchen spent Saturday in Berwick visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ross.

Mrs. D. W. Edwards and daughter Margaret of Wilkes-Barre are spending a few weeks with the former's brother, Edgar George.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Reilly are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rice of Jersey Shore.

SWEET VALLEY

Mrs. Alfred Smith and Bobby have returned to their home here after spending a week with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ritter of Levistown.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Holcomb Jr. announce the birth of a son in Nesbitt Hospital July 22. This is their first child. Mrs. Holcomb is the former Jean Bellentine of Pike's Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. William Farver, formerly of Sweet Valley, now of Florida, have rented a few rooms of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and are enjoying calling on old friends.

Mrs. Hattie Edwards submitted to an operation at General Hospital on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith and son and Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Aaron Smith of Conyngham visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foss and Mrs. Jennie Thomas on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bittenbender of Plymouth entertained a number of people at their North Lake cottage Sunday in honor of their granddaughter, Sally Lee Miller, who celebrated her third birthday anniversary. Among those present were Mrs. Frank Martz of Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. Drew Harter

STRICTLY BUSINESS

by McFeatters



"We'd better notify the utilities to shut off our light and heat!"

and Lois of Nanticoke, Frank Edwards and Keziah Edwards of this place. Frank is Sally Lee's great grandfather.

Misses Ida and Olwyn Rosser, William Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. William Rosser of Kingston spent Saturday with Miss Bess Klinetob.

BEAUMONT

Janet and Karen Mowry of Wyoming are enjoying the week with the "Casey" Demmons.

Herbie and Florence Newhart of Plains are with the Al Taylors for their vacation.

Mrs. Alden Dietz was hostess at a "Paper Party" recently.

Frank Bittenbender and family of New Jersey spent last week with the Charles Hilberts.

"Stutz" Kozak has a new Nash. The Edward MacDougalls had the Percy Rosses of Bridgeport, Conn. for the weekend.

Clyde and Jane Jackson have returned from Sayre where they vacationed.

Walter Pilger, Jr., of Rochester, N. Y. was here for the weekend sporting a beautiful new convertible.

The William Arch Austins are at Penn State for the "Superintendents' and Principals' Conference". At the end of the conference they will go to Youngstown, Ohio, to visit Mrs. Austin's brothers, George and Irvin Williams, who are employed at the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Steel Company.

The cannery is open to those who wish to call Dot Johnson, H. L. 3418 for an appointment. Truly, in no time at all, that bushel of string beans can be canned!!!

HARVEY'S LAKE

Mrs. Williams Deets has returned from General Hospital where she underwent an operation ten days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor are entertaining Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Reynolds of West Chester. They will stay two weeks.

Miss Jean Clymer of Wilkes-Barre was the week-end guest of Miss Helen Clark at their summer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Allen Jr. and daughters of Scranton spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Allen Sr.

Miss Margaret Paden is spending two weeks in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Eldridge of Wilkes-Barre, were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Garinger on Sunday.

Mrs. Estella Enders, her daughter Mrs. Charles Press, and grandson Sidney, of Long Island, N.Y.

are occupying the Enders home here at Alderson.

Just a reminder of the Sunday School picnic at the Harvey's Lake Picnic Grounds on Saturday, July 30. The folks from the Alderson Methodist Church will have their dinner at 12:30 in the form of a covered dish.

Centermoreland

Miss Emily Motichka visited her parents over the weekend.

Frank Williams has accepted a job with Martz Co. driving bus to New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Harding of Washington, D.C. visited the former's parents a few days recently. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley VanSoy have moved in with Mrs. Blanche Keithline.

Little Dickie Frantz celebrated his birthday on Wednesday with a family dinner.

Mrs. Jettie Schoonover who has been sick is better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Schoonover and family visited the former's parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perry of Orange, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bruges and Miss Florence Weaver spent Saturday in Ithaca, N. Y.

Daily Vacation Bible School was held in Methodist Church, Centermoreland the week of July 18th. There were 76 on roll. The children were picked up by bus from all church schools on Centermoreland charge.

Emily Motichka, R.N., visited her parents over last weekend. She is a nurse at Sayre Robert Packer Hospital, N. Y.

Candy Booth Committee

Members of the candy booth committee for the Library Auction were Mrs. Jonathan Valentine, Mrs. Robert Weaver, Mrs. Jane Dewess, Miss Betty Gregson, Mrs. Louise Goddard and Mrs. Jack Barnes.

Assisting were the teen-agers who decorated the booth and did the selling: Barbara Williams, Barbara Franklin, Janet Haycox, Janet Ziegler, Nancy Brader, Nancy Von Arx, Joan Williams, Nancy Deibert, Jackie Mulcey, Carol Wagner, Lois Wood, Libbie McQuilkin, Ann Peterson, Ruth Haycox and Betty Berretini.

Entertain at Cottage

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Harrison entertained members of the 20-30 class of Shavertown Methodist Church at their cottage at Coxton Lake on Saturday. Members and their children will meet at the church at 1 p.m. Swimming and canoeing will be enjoyed by the guests.

Mrs. Florence Wicht Is Laid to Rest

Friends and neighbors were grieved to hear of the death of Mrs. Florence Nesbitt Wicht, mother of Mrs. James Besecker, last Friday. A frequent visitor at the Besecker home, she leaves scores of friends in the Back Mountain Area.

Mrs. Wicht, widow of John K. Wicht, died Friday July 15 at the home of her son, John, South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre after a short illness. She had spent Memorial Day with the Beseckers and had visited over the phone with Emily only a few days before her death.

A native of Larksville, she was the daughter of the late Harrison and Jemima Nesbitt. In her girlhood days she was educated at Miss Bush's School and Wyoming Seminary. She was a member of First Methodist Church of Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are three children, John, with whom she lived, Mrs. Besecker, Norton avenue, Dallas, and Harry W. Connor of Kingston; also seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and two nieces.

Funeral services were held last Monday in Wilkes-Barre with grandsons, James Besecker Jr., Delmar Besecker, Don Besecker, John Tench, George Nicholas and Robert Craig, pallbearers.

Burial was in Forty Fort Cemetery.

Band School Opens

Registration for the summer band and orchestra school conducted by V. M. Weaver, music director of Kingston Township High School, will be held Monday and Tuesday, August 1 and 2 in Kingston Township High School Auditorium. Any one interested in baton twirling is also eligible for the school.

This is the second year that Mr. Weaver has conducted the school.

Part of the southern boundary of Franklin County is made up of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Babson Discusses Farm Prices

Of course, farm prices will ultimately be dependent on supply and demand. With or without Parity they are bound to sell lower. Whenever great surpluses occur in any product, black markets develop. Potatoes, which cannot be preserved, may be thrown overboard; but the public will never stand for throwing wheat, corn, and other cereals overboard. The cost of living for 1949 will be less than that for 1948.

What About Parity?

The above does not mean that the Parity Subsidy which the farmer now gets will be eliminated. It may automatically and gradually be decreased; but parity for farm products is here to stay. Farmers may at last feel that they are going to be taken care of as have other groups.

The Government does not compel the farmer to sell at any definite price, but rather merely offers to "loan" the farmer a parity

price for his product. The government calls it a loan; but it really is not a loan because, unlike other loans, if the value of the product goes down below the amount of the loan, the farmer is not compelled to make up this difference. It is a unique proposition of "heads I win, tails you lose" always in favor of the farmer.

Let's Look At The Farmer

When I was a boy there were almost no government subsidies of any kind. As a result, our Government which is now spending forty-four billion a year, got on with less than one billion a year. The first subsidy was that of the Protective Tariff. This was just as much of a subsidy to manufacturers as Parity Support is now to the farmers. It is very difficult to get tariffs removed after they have once been put on the books. The next subsidy was given to those who would build and operate steamboats. These subsidies have constantly been increased rather than diminished. In the meantime, Pension Subsidies were given to Civil War veterans, then to Spanish War veterans and later to

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