

More Fire Prevention Weeks

This year's observance of Fire Prevention Week ran from October 6th to the 15th. It will be tragic if the lessons learned during the week are immediately forgotten. Careless individual habits are responsible for all but a small minority of fires. Fire prevention must be practiced for 52 weeks of the year—not just for one.

During the first eight months of 1949 our fire waste totaled nearly \$450,000,000. This marked a decline as compared with the same period last year, but most of the drop was probably due to slightly lower commodity and construction costs. Our fire record is the worst in the world, and it cannot adequately be measured in mere financial terms. It can be seen in the death and maiming and disfigurement of thousands upon thousands of human beings annually, many of them children—in the destruction of great forests and other invaluable natural resources—in lost jobs, in piles of ashes that once were homes, in ruined factories.

What makes this all the more disgraceful is that most fires can be so easily prevented. The major causes of fire are "little things"—carelessness with matches and cigarettes, run-down stoves and heating systems, improperly stored paints and solvents and other such flammables, out-of-repair electrical equipment, and so on down the list. A little thought, a little effort, could eliminate most of these hazards.

If, as individuals, we make every week a fire prevention week, we will win the war against this great destroyer.

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

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

Back there in the Dallas Hills, five hundred miles to the north, the fall coloring must be well under way. Even here in the red clay Piedmont region of North Carolina the dogwood trees are turning, their berries a varnished scarlet, and the Virginia Creeper flames to the tip of the tallest pines.

A long distance phone call to Tom last night established the actual blooming of the small chrysanthemums in the south flower beds. Tom said that the asters were doing fine, and upon being pressed for details said that the asters closest to the house had suddenly burst into full bloom, practically overnight. Those were the chrysanthemum plants which we bought from Hill-the-florist last year, the five clumps delivered in full bloom and transplanted to their permanent location without the loss of a single flower. This year the clumps were large and sturdy, loaded down with small buds on the nineteenth of September when I bade them goodbye by flashlight before catching the midnight bus for points south.

For the second year we have traded a flower season for a lusty new-born infant. Last year it was the big lilac bush which wasted its sweetness on a shuttered house. By the time Sweet Sue was acclimated to the larger life, the lilacs had faded away, and this spring the late frost got the blossoms, so we haven't seen home-grown lilacs for two years.

This year it was William Henry who gummed the game, having synchronized his arrival with the presumable date of the blossoming of a lavish crop of chrysanthemums. The stork accommodately circled the housetop long enough so that the asters had a chance to start blooming, and the zinnias to hang out flags the size of soup-plates, but the chrysanthemum buds still resembled a thwarted ambition on William Henry's birthday.

It is exasperating to try to place those chrysanthemums in their proper color sequence. Did the bronze pompons come next to the white buttons or the orchid poms? Were the deep red ones separated from the bronze by whites or more orchids?

By the time I return to the Pennsylvania hills along toward the last of October or the first of November, the gorgeous coloring will be gone, the asters and chrysanthemums will be withered, and the bumper crop of seckel pears will have been given decent interment in the humus pit. It'll be just my luck to collect on an early snowstorm.

William Henry looks not unlike a copper chrysanthemum himself, copper thatched according to his species, red and angry looking from having been so newly born. William Henry was supposed to have been Sally Samantha, the name bestowed in toto upon one girl-child or broken up into halves for possible twins. In this family it is wise to be prepared for all eventualities.

Probably William Henry is worth a crop of chrysanthemums, though there are times at three o'clock in the morning when there is some doubt about this. Anyhow, the child has good strong lungs, something which will come in handy in later years when he has to shout down his older brothers and his vociferous sister.

Want New Church

I-Want-A-Church Club of Ruggles will sponsor a home-cooked roast beef supper Friday evening, October 21, at Ruggles Church Hall. Serving from 5:30 until 8. Proceeds will go toward building a new church.

Firemen Tell How Fires Can Be Prevented

Talks Given At Township and Borough Schools

Talks on Fire Prevention were given Monday at Borough and Township High Schools by special insurance agents Harry Ohlman and Henry Peterson.

President Truman proclaimed National Fire Prevention Week from October 9 to 15, the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Fire drills and inspections at the schools were supervised by James Beseker and Alton Sprout and the personnel of the Henry M. Laing Fire Department.

Moving picture trailers were shown at Himmler and Dallas Outdoor Theatres and pertinent literature concerning the devastating hazards of fire were distributed.

To prevent fires in the home, Ohlman and Peterson stressed the following, never: leave children unattended; leave matches within reach of children; smoke in bed; put pennies in fuse boxes; allow an amateur electrician to wire your home; dump ashes in wooden boxes; clean with naphtha, benzine or kerosene; keep matches in clothes closets; come in contact with wires while in the bath-tub; run wires from lamps under carpets or rugs; force a heating boiler in winter time.

Statistics from the Underwriters' Board, they said show that: matches and smoking contribute 30 percent; stoves and heating apparatus, 24 percent; cleaning fluids, 12 percent; electrical defects, 12 percent; lightning and spontaneous combustion, 23 percent.

Township Group Hears Mill Head

Dallas Township Progressive Club met at the home of Walter Gerlach Monday night.

Secretary William Newberry read a report from the First Assistant Postmaster General who pledged his full cooperation to obtain improved mail service.

A committee consisting of Clarence Laidler, Chester Hartman, Herbert Randall, Willard Newberry, and Martin Walsh was appointed to contact the proper authorities relative to the long overdue road to connect Route 309 and Fernbrook by way of the abandoned traction company roadbed.

John Griffith, superintendent of Bloomsburg Mill related the history of his company and outlined a system of registration for Back Mountain residents who desire employment.

He stated that the mill is not running at capacity, but that 150 residents of this area are employed.

Mr. Griffith's remarks led no doubt as to his sincerity and interest in the community. He said he was impressed by the Town Hall atmosphere of the Club meeting, everyone being given a fair opportunity to express himself on community questions.

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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	1
MORRIS TOWNSHIP	3	1
LOSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	2	2
TOTAL	31	20

Tree Limb Puts Dallas In Dark Saturday Night

Two 2,300 Volt Primary Lines Are Disrupted

A large part of Dallas Borough and Township were in darkness early Saturday night when a tree limb fell across two 2,300-volt primary lines of Luzerne County Gas & Electric Corporation on Lake Street.

Since Dallas is served by two circuits from the substation at Center Hill Road and Lake street, some business places and a few homes were unaffected during the interruption.

Although power was stopped for an hour and a half, a company trouble crew was on the job at 7:25 and restored power by 7:55.

In the meantime many residents obtained an idea of what might happen in a complicated modern civilization if some natural catastrophe or war destroyed sources of electricity.

In many homes evening meals were interrupted because electric ranges, refrigerators were off. Clocks were stopped, stokers off, lights out and all small appliances out of service.

Until recently disruption of two 2,300-volt lines would have thrown all of the Back Mountain region served by Luzerne County Gas & Electric Corporation in darkness; but the company has recently been expanding its service here to meet the needs of a growing community.

New substations near Forty Port Dairy at Fernbrook and near Isaacs Garage in Trucksville are serving those areas. The Fernbrook station serves parts of Pioneer avenue, Demunds, Dallas Township and Shavertown while the Trucksville station serves Trucksville, Carverton and lower Shavertown.

Power for all three stations comes from two sources, Swoyerville and Plymouth, one 3,200-volt line coming up along the Harvey's Lake Highway and the other coming over the mountain through Chase and Huntsville. The 66,000 volts coming to Swoyerville from Plymouth are reduced there to 13,200 volts before distribution to the substations and is again broken down to 115 and 230-volts at block transformers scattered throughout the area.

The two main 13,200-volt lines are so tied in that any failure on one automatically cuts in the other without any interruption in service.

To take care of any emergencies such as that on Saturday night, the company maintains a service man at Kingston until 10 p.m. A telephone operator is on duty 24 hours a day and all trouble calls developing from a failure of service to the home are relayed to trouble men at any hour of the day or night. This does not, of course, apply to trouble within the home. The company's responsibility ends as long as service is available to the consumer.

James L. Brownlee, manager of electrical distribution and gas, in an interview said this week, that the company first learns of interruptions in service through telephone calls from consumers; however if trouble develops in the 66,000-volt lines this is reflected in complicated instruments at the sources of supply.

Mr. Brownlee said the Back Mountain Region is the fastest growing area served by the company. The construction of many new homes and the establishment of two big mills here has greatly increased demand and the company has kept pace of the growth by running in more lines and by the establishment of new distribution centers.

Fernbrook Mill, for example, takes its power directly from 13,200-volts which are then stepped down within the mill to meet its various requirements.

Kiwanis Club Hears Address On Russians

Dallas Kiwanis Club had as a guest speaker at Wednesday night's meeting Attorney Frank Flannery Jr., who spoke on "Russian Cousins". Attorney Flannery, who was a liaison officer in the occupation of Austria recounted a number of his experiences in this war torn area.

The nominating committee was named with the election of officers taking place at the next meeting of the club on Wednesday evening, October 26.

There will be no meeting next week. Members will attend the banquet for the man of the year.

Reservations for the man of the year banquet must be made by Sunday with the chairman of the committee. Dinner will be held Thursday evening at 6:30 at the Irem Temple Country Club. Dallas Kiwanis club will be the host.

Dogs From Three States Entered In German Pointer Field Trials

First German Shorthaired Pointer Field Trial to be run in Pennsylvania will be held at George Bulford's Farm tomorrow. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania German Shorthaired Pointer Club, the program will get under way at 8:00 A.M.

The first event will be the Puppy Stake for dogs under one year of age. This will be followed by the Derby Stake a class for young dogs over one year and under two years of age. It is expected these two classes will consume the morning period.

During the noon break, refreshments can be purchased on the grounds.

The afternoon will be taken up by the all-Age Stake. In this class only perfectly trained dogs will participate.

Live birds will actually be shot over the dogs, thus permitting the judges capably to rate the pointers for their true worth as gun dogs. The shooting of the pheasants is by arrangement with Pennsylvania State Game Commission who have issued a special permit.

The judges will be C. J. Kylie Myers, Morristown, N.J. and James Gray, Booton, N.J. Both men are excellently rated in their field.

Saturday's Trial will rate many dogs from the New Jersey and New York area as well as pointers from Philadelphia and the Back Mountain.

Sterling Silver trophies will be presented to the winners of the first places in all three classes—the Puppy, the Derby and the All-Age groups. American Kennel Club ribbons will also go to the winner in each class.

The Pennsylvania German Shorthaired Pointer Club extends an invitation to the general public to attend. Persons who have never attended a hunting dog field trial will find it an exciting way to pass an October day.

Surplus Apples Go To Schools

Government Will Buy Luzerne County Crop

Owing to the tremendous crop of apples this year, the Surplus Commodity Corporation is planning to purchase apples in Luzerne County this fall for school distribution.

Pennsylvania has been allotted a quota of 21 cars each week for the next three weeks, and this amount will be broken down into counties having surplus apples.

The price will be \$1.70 per bushel, U.S. No. 1 pack.

Varieties acceptable are Winesap and Jonathan 2 1/4" and up, and all other varieties, 2 1/2" and up; Grimes, McIntosh, Baldwin, Northern Spy, Cortland, Black Twig, Red Delicious, Wilcox Twig, Golden Delicious, Rome Beauty, Stayman, York Imperial, Fameuse.

McIntosh condition may be firm ripe. All other varieties should meet export conditions—15 percent firm ripe.

All baskets must be ring faced, liners, new bushel baskets, all lidded, cushion or corrugated pad, and shall generally be tight packed.

In order to participate in program, Luzerne County Horticultural Association must have prompt replies from growers as to whether they wish to ship, stating surplus number bushel apples, variety, etc.

Noxen Leads In Final Series

Meets Shavertown Again on Sunday

Noxen defeated Shavertown, 7-1 Sunday on the Beaumont diamond to take the lead in the playoff series 1-0.

The teams will clash again this Sunday at Noxen with Shavertown putting on a do-or-die effort to take this crucial game. Shavertown must win this one to keep Noxen from sweeping the series as it did during the regular season.

Although the hitting was evenly matched on both teams, Mack Taylor Noxen hurler, was superb in the pinches and effectively stifled the Shavertown hitters whenever men were on base.

The score was 0-0 until the fifth inning of a fine pitching duel when Noxen bunched a series of hits to score off Ralph Anthony, Shavertown pitcher.

A large crowd witnessed the game as Taylor pitched Noxen to an important one game edge in the best-of-three series. Taylor went the route for Noxen with Jack Wall catching. Anthony pitched until the eighth when Art Kitchen came on in relief. B. Brown handled Shavertown's backstop duties.

Luzerne County YTC Installs Officers

The monthly meeting of the Luzerne County Y.T.C. was held Monday in the rumpus room of the Y.M.C.A., Wilkes-Barre.

Officers and directors for the year of 1949-50 were installed by Mrs. Keen, president of the Luzerne County W.C.T.U.

Representatives from Idetown, Luzerne, Wilkes-Barre, Sweet Valley, and Wyoming locals attended. Opening services were led by the Vice-President, Ethel Ide. Vocal quartets from Idetown and Sweet Valley provided musical entertainment.

Plans were started for a hayride on November 12. The final plans will be announced at a later date.

Legion Wants License Before Buying Castle

Will Consummate Transaction If It Can Sell Liquor

Daddow-Isaacs Post, American Legion has appealed a decision of the State Liquor Control Board denying its application for a club liquor license for Castle Inn. The hearing was before Judge Frank L. Pinola on Tuesday.

Judge Pinola took the appeal under advisement and cautioned that an answer should not be expected for ten days.

Atty. John Hayduchok represented the veteran's group. Atty. Paul R. Selecky represented the Liquor Control Board. Mr. Selecky is also retained as attorney for the Legion, not, however, in this case.

Members of the Post's House Association, who could be contacted, reflected confidence that the license would finally be granted. They state that the Post already possesses a club license in Dallas Borough and there are few such licenses in Dallas Township.

Daddow-Isaacs Post has a \$1,000 option on Castle Inn, owned by John Panco. The option will be exercised provided the Legion can obtain a license at this location.

Sale price of the Panco property is \$30,000. The Inn is completely furnished insofar as bar, taps, silver, linen, china and certain other furnishings are concerned. There are eleven rooms on the second floor.

The House Association contemplates renovating the second floor into two apartments, providing living quarters for caretaker and stewards.

Five and one half acres of ground surround the building. Here, the Post plans to set out private picnic grounds and develop a baseball field.

Provided the Castle Inn property deal is consummated, the Legion will sell its lots on Memorial Highway. Negotiations for sale are pending. At an earlier date the erection of Quonset hut was considered.

Over two hundred veterans appear on the Post's paid up membership list. There are also a number of associate members. The financial position of the organization is said to be in excellent condition.

Appearing at the hearing to testify personally for the applicant were: Joseph MacVeigh, Dallas Borough councilman, Charles Lee, manager of H. A. Whiteman Co.; D. R. Richards, Dallas Township school director and Sandel Hunt, owner of extensive property in the Dallas area.

Testifying by stipulation for the Association were: Paul Shaver, Dallas, Thomas Garrity, Harvey's Lake, Warden Kunkle, Dallas Borough councilman; Arthur Dungey, Dallas Borough Tax Collector; Francis Ambrose, Harvey's Lake; Thomas Robinson, Dallas Township; Harry Jones, Harvey's Lake, Leslie Warhol, Dallas Borough.

Inoculation Notice

Inoculations will be given at Dallas Borough High School, Monday, October 17 at 1 o'clock for the following: regular whooping cough; whooping cough booster inoculation; diphtheria and tetanus combined; diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough combined. Any parent wishing to take advantage of this for pre-school children from the age of 6 months to 6 years is welcome.

PTA To Hear Two Speakers

Committee To Discuss Scholarship Fund

The Dallas-Franklin Township P.T.A. will hold its October meeting Monday at 8.

The committee appointed to discuss formation of a scholarship fund, will report. The fund will be sponsored jointly by the PTA and the Alumni Association.

Mrs. Ruth Darbie, member of the Luzerne County Extension Staff, will speak on "Rural Programs of Extension Work".

Miss Florence Frantz, Health Education Secretary of Wyoming Valley Tuberculosis Society, will describe the patch test which will be given to all Dallas Township students in November.

Leo Dunham will give a trombone solo and Patsy Pilcher will play a flute solo. Rosanna Patner and Anna Wojciewski will accompany them.

Refreshments will be served.

Gun Shoot

Overbrook Gun Club will hold a shoot at the club Sunday, October 16, starting at 1 o'clock.

Ninth Annual Parade To Be Biggest Ever

Red Ambrose And Henry Peterson Are Co-Chairmen

Ninth annual Back Mountain Halloween Parade will be held at Dallas on Monday night, October 31.

Organizations cooperating in maintaining the high momentum of this colorful event are planning a celebration that will be remembered for years to come.

Main Street, Dallas will again be roped off from Lundy's Restaurant to Harvey's Lake Highway for block dancing. A band will be on hand to provide music.

Jack Titus will play his accordion for community singing. Candy will be given to all children who march in costume. Judges will determine the best costumes in various classifications.

As a departure from other years, children from all schools in the Back Mountain area will be invited to participate in the parade and the fun.

For the first time the big event will have general co-chairman both Dallas Borough and Dallas Township.

They are Henry Peterson, of the Borough, who has been instrumental and active in the affair since its inception, and Francis "Red" Ambrose, of the Township. Mr. Ambrose, now engaged in developing Sandy Beach at Harvey's Lake, has had years of experience with young people. Graduating from Wyoming Seminary in 1930 and from Lafayette College in 1934 Mr. Ambrose took his M.S. in Education at the University of Pennsylvania.

He coached football and wrestling for nine years until elevated to principal at Collingwood, Pa. High School. He and Mrs. Ambrose, the former Ruth Pritchard of Bangor, and their two daughters, Annabelle and Sandra live in West Dallas. "Red" finds time to devote to community affairs, individually, and as a member of Dallas Rotary.

Sponsoring organizations are: Dallas Township P.T.A., Raymond Kuhnert; Dallas Borough P.T.A., Charles James; Dallas Rotary, Francis Ambrose; Dallas Kiwanis Club; Dallas Woman's Club, Mrs. John Q. Yapple; Dallas Junior Woman's Club, Mrs. Robert Brown; Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Co.; Daddow-Isaacs Post, American Legion.

As the plans of the committee develop they will be made known in sufficient time for everyone to be advised.

New Type Farm Machine Demonstrated Saturday

Charles Long, Sweet Valley Farm Implement Dealer, demonstrated a Roto-Beater, the first ever shown in this territory, at the Willard Cornell farm at Meeker on Saturday.

The machine cuts up weeds, corn stalks, potato tops and other vegetation and then returns it to the ground for humus.

So successful was the demonstration that Mr. Cornell immediately purchased the Roto-Beater and now in addition to his own work is doing custom work for other farmers.

The Cornell Farm is one of the best equipped in the entire area.

Project Supervisors Are Named For Gregory Farm Demonstration

Project supervisors have been named for the work to be done on the Robert Gregory Farm in Lehman Township next Tuesday and Wednesday.

The demonstration has been divided into nine distinct work projects assigned to Veteran "On the Farm" instructors of Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties under the supervision of Howard Newcomer, of Clarks Summit.

Projects and supervisors are: Construction of earthen dams (Farm Pond), Gus Dippe and J. L. Gisriel, Huntington Mills School; Raymond Connelly, Farmer Fieldman.

Application of Lime and Superphosphate, (Pasture Improvement), Lewis Chambers and Edward Keller, Dallas Township.

Parking, Martin Koch, Huntington Mills; Russell Ruble, Lehman Township; Sheldon Mosier, Dallas Township; Percy Marston, State Committee.

Farm Machinery Pool Supervisors, Robert Hopkins, Newton-Ransom High School; Earl Wagner, State Committee; George Rice, County Committee.

Veteran on the Farm Instructor, Lehman Township; W. J. Bashore, Farmer Fieldman.

Section 4, Robert Stanton, Moscow High School; Joseph Carpenter, Moscow High School; Kenneth R. Craft, Farmer Fieldman.

Section 5, Road Building, Albert H. Smith, State Committee; Boyd Gartley and Howard Gibbs, Scott Township; I. J. Strickland, Scott Township.

Establishing contour strip cropping, Ray Bartholme and Ray Mazaleski, Newton-Ransom High School; Harry E. Peters, Farmer Fieldman.

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