

Upsets Mark Church League

Second Half Opens Tomorrow Night

With the majority of its teams swinging into their tenth games tomorrow night, Back Mountain Church League starts its second half with only a three-and-a-half game difference between the first and sixth place teams.

Dallas Methodist leads by half a game over Kunkle at the midway mark with four more teams pressing close. St. Paul's catching fire after a slow start, turned in an upset 45-33 victory over Dallas on Monday.

Tomorrow night's games give a regal start to the second half. Dallas Methodist and Kunkle meet in what stacks up as the top contest. Dallas was victorious 25-21 in the first meeting. St. Paul's versus St. Therese's and Huntsville Christian versus Shavertown Methodist are two more important games.

Monday finds all the teams seeing action again with the St. Paul's-Kunkle game in the spotlight. Two other top games are Lehman-Huntsville Christian and Prince of Peace-St. Therese's contests.

Last Monday night saw three upsets on the Dallas Township floor. Prince of Peace came through with a 50-48 overtime victory against Huntsville Christian, St. Paul's hammered Dallas Methodist 45-33, and St. Therese's took the nod over Shavertown Methodist 42-34.

The first magazine in America was published in Philadelphia in 1741.—PNS.

Blue Cross Enrolls 21,000 New Members

More than 21,000 new members were enrolled in Northeastern Pennsylvania Blue Cross Plan during the special "Everybody We Mean Everybody" enrollment opportunity offered in November. With minimum additions thus far established at 21,090, it is evident that the final results will exceed even that figure. The minimum goal set up in offering unlimited open enrollment was 20,000.

In reporting the success of a venture unique in absence of restrictions or any other usual requirements, Executive Director George T. Bell stated: "While it is true that our Association geared all of its efforts toward the success of this enrollment, it was by no means a project which rested entirely in our hands. We enjoyed the complete confidence and support of our sponsoring hospitals, their auxiliaries, doctors, the press, service clubs, and civic bodies throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania."

While the special enrollment is now history, with results in utilization lying in the future, Blue Cross notes that the usual "Direct Enrollment" quarterly period both for Blue Cross and for Blue Shield will be open up until March 1. Persons eligible include self-employed, non-employed, and those working where less than 5 are employed.

Receive Bracelets

The ten women who were runners-up in the Queen for a Day program on WBAX when Mrs. Fred Swanson of Harvey's Lake was selected Queen of Wyoming Valley have received coral bracelets from Hollywood, California.

Seedlings Are Now Available

State Provides Trees At \$6. Per Thousand

Private owners of forest land are beginning to realize more keenly than ever that idle acres are liabilities. By planting their acres with forest trees, the owners are now changing these areas from liabilities to assets. During the past 25 years, Pennsylvania land owners have planted about 190,000,000 trees. The results of these plantings can be seen across the state. Motorists cannot help noticing the evergreen plantations dotting the countryside, on hilltops, on mountain slopes and in abandoned fields. Each year additional landowners are starting new plantations. An estate of idle land is almost worthless but if planted to forest trees it becomes more valuable yearly.

Forest tree planting pays in many ways. The value of the land increases as the trees grow in size and quality. If land not suited to agriculture is planted with trees, it will produce a valuable crop. It provides cover and food for wildlife. It conserves water supplies and prevents erosion. It assures a future wood supply for local industries and employment for the rural population.

The Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters expects to have available, for planting in 1950, the following species: Red Pine, White Pine, Norway Spruce, White Spruce, Hemlock, Austrian Pine, Banks Pine, Japanese Red Pine, Pitch Pine, Scotch Pine, Talbe Mountain Pine, Virginia Pine, European Pine, European Larch, Green Ash, Black Cherry, Black Locust, Sugar Maple, Red Oak, Tulip Poplar and Black Walnut.

For information on the purchase of these trees, which sell for \$6.00 per thousand, contact the District Forester, Department of Forests and Waters, Real Estate Building, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Executive Board Meets

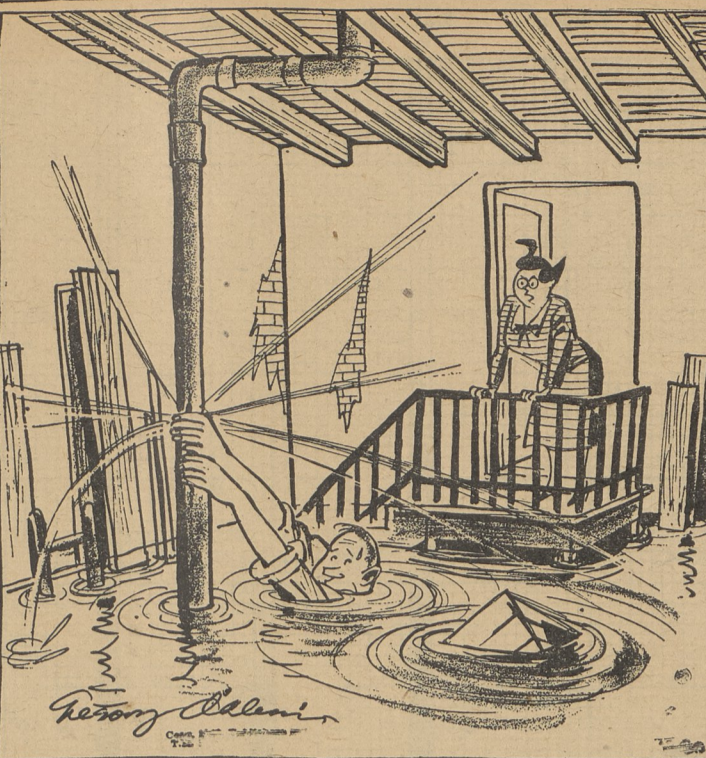
Mrs. Raymond Garinger entertained members of Executive Board of Harvey's Lake W.S.C.S. at her home Friday evening. Present were Rev. Ruth Underwood, Mrs. Robert Avery, Mrs. Kate Shultz, Mrs. Joe Rauch, Mrs. Warren Dennis, Mrs. Gilbert Carpenter, Mrs. Morrison Witter, Miss Lina Garinger, Mrs. Albert Armitage and the hostess.

Thank Those Who Helped

Mrs. David Traver and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Traver who lost their home near Noxen recently by fire wish to thank all those who contributed money, clothing and furniture to help them through the emergency.

THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



"Stop worrying about it. The real estate agent called to say he just sold the house!"

Program For Parents

An important radio program for parents called The Inquiring Parent can now be heard every Monday evening at 10:00 over Station WILK. The Inquiring Parent features Dr. Luther E. Woodward, field consultant for the National Committee for Mental Hygiene.

Dr. Woodward discusses with parents questions centering children's dreams, fears, language, companions, and feeding problems. This twelve-week radio series has been praised by PTA's, parents, teachers and clergymen for its down to earth common sense approach to problems of growing children.

On Monday evening January 30, Dr. Woodward will discuss Children's Companions. This radio program is sponsored locally by the Wyoming Valley Community Chest.

Physician's Brother Writes Meditation

Nashville, Tenn.—The Rev. Henry H. Schooley, minister, Church of the Mediator, Providence, Rhode Island, and brother of Dr. F. Budd Schooley, Dallas, is writer of a devotional message in the current issue of "The Upper Room", widely read book of devotions. Selection of a meditation for publication in "The Upper Room" is accounted a high honor because of the wide circulation and use of this devotional guide.

Mr. Schooley's meditation is based on Isaiah 50:7—"... therefore have I set my face like a flint..."

He says, among other things: "Just as a flint when struck against a piece of steel produces sparks which give light, so may we have the faith of heart when the hard knocks of life assail us to set our face like a flint." Then come what will, we shall not be ashamed.

"The Upper Room" is also published in Braille for the blind. All editions will carry Mr. Schooley's meditation.

Tax Sales Postponed

Delinquent tax sales fixed and advertised by the Tax Claim Bureau of the County of Luzerne have been adjourned until Wednesday, March 1, 1950 at 10:00.

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Winter Feeding Improves Sport

Distribute Food During Open Season

With the major hunting seasons behind, Game Commission officers, sportsmen, Boy Scouts and others have gone into action on winter game feeding programs. In remote, wooded sections that are almost inaccessible when snow is deep, game officers fill large feeders early, using trucks or wagons to transport loads of corn to points where game needs man's assistance.

For maximum effectiveness, feeders should be established before severe winter weather sets in. This done, usually after game season, wildlife in the areas around will form the habit of coming to the feed prior to the months of January, February and March, which are the critical ones for them. Feed placed in the same localities after heavy snows carpet the ground may not be found by the wildlife for which it was intended.

It is recommended that those interested in game feeding contact the District Game Protector in whose area the project will be carried on. He is in position to offer information that will insure maximum results.

Game men advise that yellow corn is the best winter feed. It has been found to be the grain that supplies turkeys, as well as most other species, with the food elements most needed then. Some grains fail to provide body heat energy and certain other dietary essentials to wildlife in winter. For example, quail will starve to death on a straight wheat diet, because wheat supplies insufficient nourishment.

Wild turkeys, especially, need man's help in winter. If turkey feeding is the objective, an excellent place to establish feeders is near spring runs where these birds habitually go in winter for grit and greens. Mesh wire baskets are effectively used when fastened low on trees. Where squirrels are numerous, the tops of such baskets are sometimes covered so that the bushy tails will not carry off the ear corn in them.

Lehigh Glee Club Thrills Audience

Nearly seven hundred music lovers from the Back Mountain and Wyoming Valley attended the Lehigh University Glee Club concert presented last Friday evening at Irem Temple.

Under the auspices of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, and directed by Prof. William Schempf, the concert was most enjoyable. More than seventy young men of Lehigh participated in the singing, and the wealth of tonal quality and harmony was a source of keen delight to the audience.

Proceeds of the event were added to the church building fund. On Tuesday evening of next week, the Prince of Peace Church vestry will hold a special meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Roscoe Lee, Terrace Drive, Dallas. Rev. Williams, rector, will preside.

School Board Meeting

Kingston Township School Board will hold its monthly meeting of Friday evening, February 3 at 7:30.

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