

FRUIT GROWERS WILL VISIT BACK MOUNTAIN ORCHARDS

The Luzerne County fruit growers will hold their annual Fruit Tour and Picnic next Wednesday, starting at 1:30 p. m. at the Harold Brace Orchard in Orange. The road will be posted. At Brace's there will be a demonstration on Mist Sprayers. These are sprayers that use concentrated materials, and it is only necessary to use small amounts of water per acre. There will also be a demonstration of Nitrogen fertilizer as applied by spraying leaves.

The tour will then proceed to the Thomas Mineo Orchard. This was an abandoned orchard five years ago, but it has been brought back into efficient production. There orchardists will witness the peeler preparing apples for pies, and freezing and holding cold storage rooms.

The tour will continue to the Marie Pomeroy Orchard, a small orchard specializing in the production of Northern Spy Apples.

The fourth and last stop will be at the N. Y. Lewis Orchard at Mt. Zion, one of the oldest and best-managed orchards in Luzerne County.

All fruit growers and their families are invited to attend this annual tour and picnic. The Horticultural Association will furnish the lunch for you and your families. Come and bring your appetite.

YOU KNOW ME BY Al, Himself

We like church people. Not that we don't like others too, for we are a Will Rogers on that, we have never met a person we disliked. But church people particularly have our admiration as they are always struggling so to keep a church going. We have heard of "rich" churches but we never belonged to one. Every church we ever attended always had to count its pennies and find ways and means to raise money for a new roof, or to repair a pew, or to repaint the edifice.

We remember as a kid in Brooklyn going to Sunday School and being continually drafted to sell tickets for a minstrel show or a moving picture performance every-time the minister or the Board of Deacons announced that funds had to be forthcoming for repairs to the church.

As we grew older we never understand this as we know that every one believes in a church. "Why," they say, "We have to have churches. If it weren't for Christianity this world would be in an awful mess."

"We have to have ministers and priests," they continue, "To marry and bury us, sure, we believe in churches."

Yet, when it comes to putting the dough on the line it's the same persons (the church goers) who give their money, time, and hard work to keep the church spirit alive.

Now, we don't want any one to think we are one of those goody-goody guys, for we are not. We are more sinful than most, but we do admire the church goers who are continually working to keep a Godly roof over our head.

Take those at Ruggles for instance. There they have been going to church for years in a building that is not much more than a shack. They formed a "We want a church club" and have been giving suppers, musicals, etc. to raise money to build a real edifice of which every one in Lake Township would be proud. The building is about half completed. They need funds to finish it. It's the same persons over and over again who have raised the money thus far and it probably will be the same dauntless group who will some day see, through its efforts alone, a splendid church. If every one in Lake Township would send just one dollar, the building could be completed this year. In fact we think that is such a good idea that our dollar is going in the mail today.

Then there are the women at Alderson Methodist Church. Every year among their other efforts to raise funds, is their annual flower show. This August 23 at the High School will be their tenth exhibit. Of course it is a money making scheme, but you will get your

money's worth when you attend. This year, beside the flower display, there will be a village store and post office. This idea was thought of by one of the enterprising ladies that is always thinking of some way to keep a church in existence. The women are sending cards to their friends asking them to purchase a gift not worth less than a quarter. The secret contents of the packages will be sold for twenty-five cents each at the flower show. Many friends will contribute articles worth more than that price, so you can't lose when you buy.

One member of the church sent a card to President Truman. We don't know if she has received his gift yet, but it is possible that it may be on hand the night of the 23rd, and if you should purchase that, it would be a novelty to show your great-grandchildren sixty years hence.

Huntsville Church Raising Honey

Bees Pose Problem For Congregation

Norman Smith says that the picture of the Huntsville Methodist Church festooned with bees, which recently appeared in the Wilkes-Barre Record, does not tell the whole of the story. The illustration shows the bees swarming over the top of a stained glass window but does not hint at the bees which are working away inside the clapboards or the two queen bees buried beneath the surface.

The two small colonies noted in June have merged into one huge colony, with thousands of bees collecting late summer honey.

John Headman, veteran beekeeper at Huntsville, looked over the situation early in June when activity was first noted, and gave it as his opinion that building a comb would not harm the woodwork, as the bees had already laid a foundation of protective wax. The only way to remove the bees at this point is to exterminate them, right in the middle of their busy season, a measure which no bee-lover could contemplate.

Bees fly in a straight line for their hive, making no detours from flower to comb, so church members have not been annoyed or attacked by the workers. The consensus of bee-fanciers is that when the bees become dormant with the onset of cold weather, the entire colony can be moved.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

You know, good people, the way the news reads, we have cause for running an anxious hand across our brow and cogitating on how-come we been such a sucker. How-come we have stood for the rattlin' around in big places of small people. How-come we have permitted the term "big business" to be blusteringly used as meaning "dreadful business."

And now, when trouble looms, what happens. We ask the big gun makers, the big TNT makers, the big iron foundries, to pass the ammunition, and quick. You don't make big steel in a teakettle, you gotta have big steel plants. And these big plants—which will now come to the rescue—are the very ones that have survived the sniping of our Govt., which has been chipping away at all private ventures via anti-trust and anti-trust and anti-trust, by a swarm of pestering socialist-minded talent who smell something wrong in any business that has been able to succeed or survive.

We would be in a pickle now—and how—if we were depending on teakettle plants for the big stuff we need. If we would now learn to listen to such able Americans as that old "Soreback," Senator Byrd of Virginia, suh! and renovate top to bottom—our Govt., we would be showing a whole-some tinge of George Washington-type horse sense.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

Willard Wright Family, Hosts To Frear and Parrish Families

The Willard Wright family, Dale Cottage, were hosts to members of the Frear and Parrish families at their annual reunion held last Saturday.

Mrs. Della Parrish presided at the business meeting in the absence of the president, Archie Parrish, who is ill. Edward Cooke of Bethlehem led devotions.

Prizes were given to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kocher of Ohio for coming farthest, Mrs. Wallace Kocher of Williamsport, largest family present, fourteen children and grand children, youngest bride, Naomi Peets of Endicott, N. Y., youngest baby, Willard Rufus, and oldest man, E. E. Reilly.

Reunion next year will be held at the same place, Saturday, August 1.

Present Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Baugh of Hellertown; Mrs. Frank Hobbs of Stroudsburg; Mr. and Mrs. William Poppe, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harding of Naugatuck, Conn.; Mrs. Harry Nettleton of Beacon Falls, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Garringer and son Lester of Buffalo, N. Y.; Cullen Randall Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Randall and sons Cullen, and Robert, Mrs. Grover Peets, Marvin Parrish and son Marvin Jr., all of Endicott, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Dare Kocher and children Kathleen and Danny of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Wallace W. Kocher, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kocher and children Stephen, David, Carol of Williamsport; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Powell, children Mary, Clare, Kenneth Jr. of Greenbelt, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cooke of Bethlehem; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson and daughters Linda, Janet, Helen Williamson of Philadelphia; Mrs. Donald Smith of Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Faust and son Wayne of Forty Fort; Alice Frear and Lola Parrish, Frank Parrish, Mrs. Ira Rabert,

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Reilly, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parrish, son Billie, Mrs. Willard Wright and sons Robert Jr. and Rufus, Margaret and Catherine MacIntyre all of Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Updyke and sons Robert and John of Trucksville; Mrs. Myrtis Saxe of Noxen; Mrs. Earl Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson and daughter Betty, Mrs. Violet Gary, daughter Jane, Florence Frear, Mrs. Calla Parrish all of Beaumont; Mrs. Randolph Wright and daughter Janet, Mrs. Edwin Wright of Lehman; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Randall of Huntsville; Marie Wright of Lake Carey; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reilly, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Shaver and Elizabeth Anne, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shaver, Mrs. Frank Wright, Mrs. Claire McKenna, Eleanor and Patty McKenna, Mrs. Della Parrish, Mrs. Kenneth Calkins and children Judy, Kim, Linda, Randy, Ethel Ide, Bess Cooke, Idetown; Dale and Willard Wright Jr., the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Willard Willard Sr.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

For the Lake Township School District
For the Fiscal Year Ending July 1, 1950

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand July 1, 1949	\$ 12,991.59
Property Tax, 1949	\$32,350.95
Per Capita Tax, 1949	3,777.37
Delinquent Tax (Prior to 1949)	2,403.53
State Appropriation	40,152.37
Tuition, non-resident Pupils	477.60
Sale of Supplies and Equipment	23.50
Amusement Tax	7,711.33
Other Sources	2,406.41
Total Receipts, incl. beginning bal.	\$102,294.65

CURRENT EXPENSES

A. Expenses of General Control	\$ 3,105.92
B. Expenses of Instruction	54,451.79
C. Expenses of Auxiliary Agencies and Coordinate Activities	18,397.47
D. Expenses of Operation of School Plant	7,733.88
E. Expenses of Maintenance of School Plant	3,035.74
F. Expenses of Fixed Charges	2,485.55
Total Current Expenses	89,210.35
H. Capital Outlay	2,834.40
Total Payments	92,044.75

Balance on Hand (to be available for School Yr. 1950-'51) \$ 10,249.90

ASSETS

School Buildings and Sites at Cost	\$112,339.59
Textbooks and Equipment at Cost	27,776.42
Unpaid Taxes (Current year)	3,270.79
Tuition Receivable	1,758.47
United States Government Bonds	10,000.00
Total	\$155,145.27

LIABILITIES

Due Tax Collector A/C Commissions	\$ 320.58
Audited August 4, 1950	

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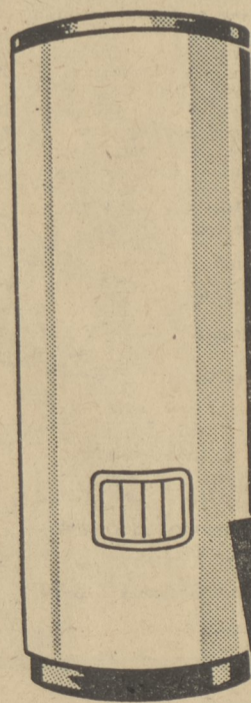
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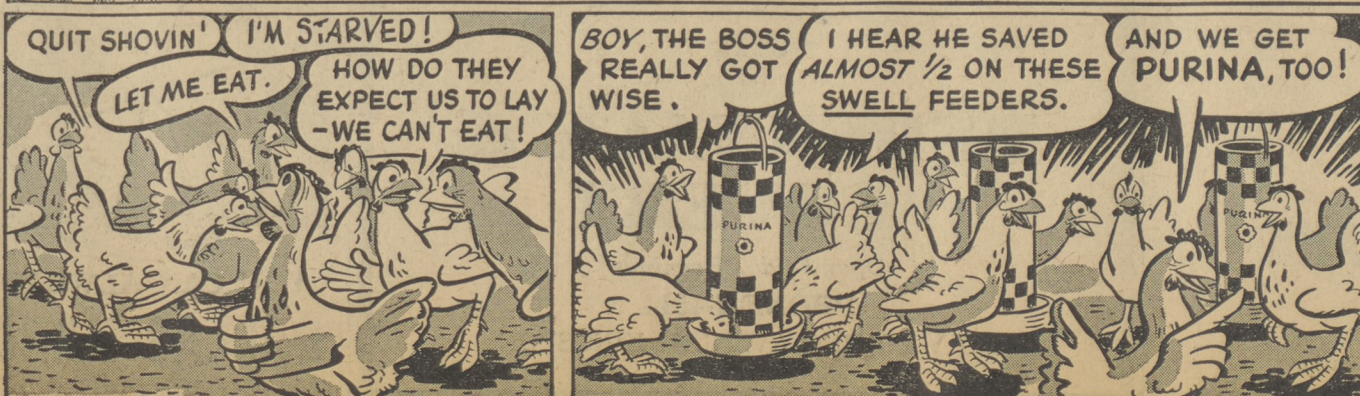
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