

SAFETY VALVE

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no taxes along the joint portion. As a result both districts started to build new high schools. The Borough took the lead and met a flat slap in the face from the State Department with a demand that the pupils be sent to Kingston Township which proposed to build a new school. However a bond issue there was defeated and the Borough was allowed to go ahead. When Dallas Township prepared to build they met the same reply from the school authorities but finally got around that by dealing with a separate bureau at Harrisburg and establishing a Smith-Hughes vocational and agricultural high school.

Then a Furneaux boy who lived on the Rice farm climbed over the back fence and walked to the Borough High School with a Lewin girl and a couple of others. Someone dug up a section of the law which said that pupils in a district maintaining a vocational school only who desired a straight academic course could attend the nearest and most convenient academic high school at the expense of the home district and VICE VERSA. The same law had been put on Dallas Borough a few years earlier when Dorothy Patterson went to Trucksville High School at the Borough's expense.

Now if any of the local school authorities, including the writer, had had enough common sense a practical and workable arrangement could have been worked out then and there by eliminating duplication of small classes and dividing the pupils between the two high schools on the basis of the courses they desired to pursue. The buildings are close enough so that teachers of part-time subjects such as music, etc. could have been moved back and forth as required. Such traveling expenses are permissible by law and some reimbursement is available. However there was too much ill feeling on the part of the Township to even think of this and when they received a legitimate bill for four pupils they refused to pay it. About this time Chris. Eipper took over as secretary and handled a three-way correspondence with the writer and the State Department. In those days he was in full vigor and active practice. His recent letters seem to me to lack something. At any rate they reclassified their school by adding several academic teachers and the race went on.

Recent disagreements are familiar to everyone including the Natona case to which I personally as a Borough resident do not know any really good answer.

As I have repeatedly said, I feel that the new juncture is all wrong. In addition to my published request for a public hearing I wrote one of the school directors.

WARRINER PROTESTS GIVING AMERICAN GRAIN TO INDIA

Protests against the U. S. Government's plan to give twenty million tons of grain to India were mailed this week to Senator Edward Martin and Congressman Daniel Flood by Paul Warriner, originator of the baby duck industry, who hatches thousands of ducks annually at his Wayside Duck Farm in East Dallas.

Mr. Warriner believes that every person who makes his livelihood from livestock or poultry should enter his protest against the grain shipments.

"The highest grain authorities", Mr. Warriner says, have published warnings that we are facing a serious feed shortage this summer and only an excellent harvest can forestall it. If food stocks are further depleted many poultrymen will be ruined."

Mr. Warriner adds that "twenty-five per cent of the farm income in Pennsylvania comes from poultry and that the high cost of grain is practically driving the poultryman and hatcheryman out of business. People will not buy chicks and ducklings at a normal rate when feed prices are so great that they cannot be raised profitably. We cannot add to the burden of

high feed cost the increase in the costs of chicks and ducklings to which we are entitled."

Mr. Warriner who has been in the duck business for more than thirty-five years and spends \$700 a month for feed compared current feed prices of \$4.75 per hundred with his costs of \$1.98 per hundred in 1941. Much of that increased cost, he said, is due to government manipulation of prices and gifts of grain to foreign countries.

"Grain prices are strong on the Chicago Board of Trade and rising daily, influenced by new export business and the possibility of legislation which will make possible allocations to India."

Mr. Warriner said, India could obtain grain from its neighbor Pakistan which has a surplus; but refuses to do so because the purchase would strengthen that country which India hopes to hold down.

Despite what Herbert Hoover says, "politics does enter this picture" Mr. Warriner said. "To further deplete ourselves by sending millions of tons of grain to India would certainly please Joe Stalin."

Book Club Has Exhibit Of Unusual Valentines

Back Mountain Book Club members saw a display of old valentines Wednesday at the Library, with Miriam Lathrop, Mrs. Zel Garinger, Mrs. James Gross and Mrs. James Langdon exhibiting specimens from their private collections and giving interesting facts about them. One valentine, shown by Mrs. Langdon, dates from 1850; one, sent to Miss Lathrop's uncle, who would now have been ninety-nine, dates from 1858. The Valentine program was presented by Mrs. Harry Stuhlmuller, vice president and chairman of program.

Mrs. Joseph Schmerer presiding, introduced her official board and received reports.

The membership voted to purchase a book for the Memory Shelf in the event of death of a member.

At the Valentine tea which followed the program, Mrs. Mitchell Jenkins and Mrs. Preston Sturdevant poured.

Present were Mesdames Orman Lamb, James C. King, Charles B. Gates, R. Gunther, James Langdon, Harry Stuhlmuller, William W. Thomas, James W. Gross, Z. E. Garinger, R. E. Kuhnert, Lewis LeGrand, Sr., John A. Girvan, H. W. Peterson, Fred Morris, Gerald Stout, Fred B. Howell, Ralph Dixon, Preston Sturdevant, Dana Crump, C. A. Woodruff, Harold E. Flack, Gerald Dettmore, Dan Rob-inhold, Robert Van Horn, F. C. Weber, Arch G. Rutherford, Edgar Brace, Mitchell Jenkins, Joseph Schmerer, Misses Miriam Lathrop and Lena Van Tuyle.

Sweet Valley Native Dies In Wilkes-Barre

With the death of Charles Whitesell, a coal dealer, late of Wilkes-Barre, Sweet Valley has lost one of its native sons. His mother, Mrs. Juliet Whitesell still lives there, also a sister, Mrs. Orville Williams, and brothers George and Fred. His father, Ira, deceased at the age of 81 these twenty-two years past, is remembered as a tremendously large and vital man.

Charles Whitesell marked his 58th birthday on February 7. He had been afflicted with heart trouble for the past year, but not confined to home or bed except for brief attacks, the last on Christmas day. He had gone down cellar Monday evening to fix the furnace, come upstairs and passed away suddenly in his chair.

He is survived by his wife, the former Rose Sprock; a daughter, Mrs. William Stephens and two grandchildren, all of Wilkes-Barre; his mother, a sister and two brothers listed above; brothers William, South America; and Rev. Frank Whitesell, Forty Fort.

Burial was in the family plot at Dennison Cemetery.

Boy Scouts Hold Regular Meeting, Large Attendance

Dallas Boy Scout Troop 281 is making a record for attendance, with new boys joining every week. Each Monday evening sees a larger enrollment. This week Leslie Barstow, committeeman, was appointed assistant Scoutmaster. Patrol contests are held each week, a regular part of the program.

Thomas Evans, troop bugler, has a new bugle. Plans for a Board of Review next Monday were discussed. Committeemen Niles White, John Reeves, and Fred Price were present in addition to Clarence Butler, Scoutmaster.

Meet With Secretary

Elmer "Tug" Wyant, Town & Country Y. M. C. A. secretary has announced a Kingston Township Committee meeting for Friday night at 8 at Shavertown Fire Hall. Thomas Shelbourne is committee chairman.

The Dallas Borough Committee meeting will be held Thursday evening at Back Mountain Memorial Library with Clyde Cooper as chairman.

Similar meeting will be held shortly with committees in Lehman, Lake, Franklin, Jackson and Dallas Townships.

Miss Rood is a graduate of Shickshinny High School and has been employed by General Cigar Company, Kingston. Mr. Whitesell was graduated from Harter High School, West Nanticoke, and served in World War II in the Pacific War Area. He is employed by Edward Mulsal, plaster contractor of Hunlock Creek.

The wedding will take place in Roaring Brook Baptist Church Easter Sunday at 3 P. M.

Lois Faye Rood To Wed Gordon Mark Whitesell

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Lois Faye Rood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rood of Broadway, to Gordon Mark Whitesell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Whitesell of Hunlock

Creek.

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Jacobs Transferred To Harrisburg Office

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Jacobs, new residents in Dallas, are leaving the Back Mountain to go to Harrisburg. Mr. Jacobs is affiliated with International Harvester Company. Their new home on Midland Drive is on the market. Mrs. Jacobs will remain here until it is disposed of, with Mr. Jacobs weekending from his Harrisburg office.

Prior to marriage, Mrs. Jacobs was Nell Foster of Baltimore, so the move places her 110 miles nearer her home town, 110 miles farther away from Mr. Jacob's native Elmira.

They have a daughter, Carlie, four years old, who has been attending the Day School Kindergarten.

Dallas WCTU Hears Talk On Francis Willard

Dallas District WCTU met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edward Stair, Main Street, with Mrs. Albert Parrish presiding. Mrs. Edward Keen, County President, addressed the meeting, and Mrs. Lloyd Whitebread talked on parliamentary law. Mrs. Zel Garinger gave a reading on the life of Francis Willard.

Miss Marie Wright and Miss Clara McKenna were welcomed as new members.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clarence La-Bar. Members of the serving committee are Mrs. W. A. Higgins, Mrs. Albert Parrish, and Mrs. M. A. Scott, Sr.

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Jackson Bake Sale

Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary will hold a bake sale in Roberts Store Room, Hillside, tomorrow, Saturday. Contact Mrs. Alden Wagner, Mrs. Earl Balliet, Mrs. James Roushey, Mrs. Edward Kropp or Mrs. Elmer Laszkowski if you have baked goods to contribute. The ladies will be glad to pick up donations tomorrow morning before 9 a. m.

Capt. Kidd At Lake

A motion picture, "Capt. Kidd," starring Charles Laughton will be shown at Lake Township School tomorrow night at 8. A silver plate collection will be taken for the benefit of the Alderson Methodist Church. Every one is welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith Entertain Committee

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith entertained members of the Executive Committee of the Beaumont Community Cannery at its February meeting. After bills were ordered paid, television and refreshments were enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dress, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson, Mrs. Edward MacDougall, Mrs. Raymond Denmon, Mrs. William Arch Austin and the Smiths.

Gerard Dettmores Are Hosts For R. R. Heddens

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Dettmore entertained at a farewell party honoring the Ray Heddens at their home on Lehman avenue Saturday evening. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Turner of Forty Fort; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wermouth, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wassell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Oplinger, Nanticoke; the Heddens and the Dettmores.

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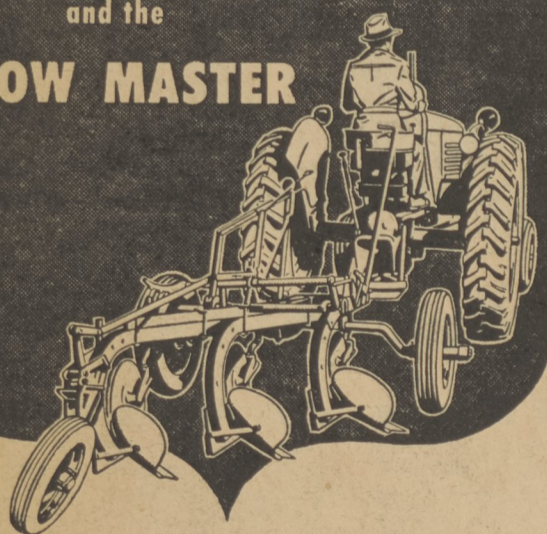
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No hearing was held in Dallas as I am sure the promoters would have learned things not to their liking.

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