

# FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

We laid it at first to personal magnetism but about half way down on Franklin Street came to the conclusion that the Post dog was following us because he scented hamburg at the end of the line. We thought we had lost him several times, once when the newsboy went past and at our request whistled at him while we made tracks over the crest of the hill, and once at the Haycox yard where he became enamored of a tree trunk and circled it slowly and with rapt attention.

But by the time the turn was made into the main drag, there he was again, bounding playfully ahead and returning every few yards to get another whiff of the hamburger.

This was OK with us. We could stand his whiffing the hamburger, but what upset us, both literally and figuratively, was when in an access of enthusiasm he darted between our ankles with great determination to balance and dignity. This, we felt, was going too far. It began to look as if we had us a dog, as the distance between the Post and Pioneer avenue widened.

A car shot by, coming around the curve at an exhilarating rate of speed, and slammed on its brakes as Rogue tucked in his tail and made for the ditch.

"Why don't you keep your damn dog out of the road?" yelled the driver as he made a detour around the dog, now seated amiably at the roadside searching for an elusive flea.

We proceeded around the curve, Rogue coursing from side to side of the road and following interesting scents left by red squirrels and chipmunks. A small streak shot across the road, steering itself by its tail, Rogue in hot pursuit.

Another car slammed on its brakes, another face bursting with rage, showed at the window. We looked the other way and plodded on.

Arrived in the yard, Rogue said he would now come in the house. The black Tomcat, inside, fluffed up his tail and prepared to repel boarders. By an adroit maneuver we distracted the dog's attention and slipped through the door, to be cursed fluently by the cat for bringing home a dog.

Rogue sat on the steps and lifted his voice. We hastily searched the refrigerator to find something which would relieve his pain. Presented with a bowl of cat-food, he took one sniff and mentioned hamburger. He kept on mentioning hamburger, padding up and down the back porch and rearing himself on his hind legs to peer hopefully through the storm door.

We looked in the ice box again, and threw a sop to the wolves, a pickled pigs foot that had been around for some time and had lost its first youth.

Rogue wolfed it in two gulps and panted for more.

That was when we called Myra on the phone. Five minutes later we were helping her confine a cyclone in the station wagon, and all was over.

## Boy Scout Troop 281 Continues To Grow

Troop 281, Dallas Boy Scouts, met Monday evening with 26 members present. Another new member has joined the ranks of a fast growing troop, now numbering thirty-eight.

Patrol contest on signalling was won by the Flying Eagles. Next week's contest will be map making.

John Haycox, Wayne Bolton, Allan Root, and Paul Balshaw passed tenderfoot tests. Robert McQuilkin was awarded a badge of merit for pottery; William Reeves, coin collecting; Leslie Barstow, stamp collecting; Donald Roeske, marksmanship.

William Reeves, Donald Roeske and Robert McQuilkin were made Star Scouts.

Explorer group is planning a hike Saturday under supervision of John Reeves, committee chairman. Clarence Butler, scoutmaster, and Leslie Barstow, assistant.

## Schoolboy Hunts Scrap, Finds Stolen Hub Caps

Four chromium hub caps, stolen several weeks ago from Sev Newberry's Cadillac, parked near the Himmeler Theatre, have been recovered from underneath the Franklin Street bridge in Shavertown, spotted by a Dallas Borough schoolboy in his hunt for scrap metal. They were not in the water, but placed high under the bridge where they could be retrieved later.

## Kunkle WSCS Plans St. Patrick Tea

Kunkle Methodist WSCS members are planning a St. Patrick's Day tea for March 14, 8 PM in Kunkle Community Hall. A handkerchief sale will be an added attraction. Members are asked to contact their friends and solicit handkerchiefs. There will be a program, and refreshments. Everybody is invited. Mrs. Russell Miers is chairman.

## Little League Needs Support

### Asks Sponsors For Two More Teams

Back Mountain Little League, starting late in the season last year and unable for that reason to obtain a charter, nonetheless picked an all-star team and defeated all comers in the Wyoming Valley Area.

Equipped now with a charter, the gift of Dave Schooley, the Little League will be able to enter the National field.

According to Charles Steinhauer, commissioner, and Al Gibbs, president, if two more teams can be sponsored, bringing the number up to eight, 200 Back Mountain boys can be accommodated in the Little League. Little League baseball is said to be one of the strongest foes of juvenile delinquency, and is being sponsored all over the United States. Boys from 9-12 learn good sportsmanship, the value of group activity, the reason for rules, as well as having a lot of fun for themselves and their fans.

Donations, reported at a Sunday afternoon meeting at the home of Al Gibbs, are coming in steadily, and before the season starts there will be enough to buy uniforms.

It takes \$200 to sponsor and outfit a team.

Last year's teams included outfits from Shavertown, Trucksville, Dallas, Fernbrook, Lehman-Jackson and Carverton.

## Douse Grass Fires

Dr. Henry M. Laing Volunteer Fire Company responded to two alarms on Sunday, both of them grass fires, both quickly extinguished.

The first alarm, shortly after 11:30, warned of a fire at Harry Carey's, Demunds Road, which had leaped the bounds of the incinerator.

The second, at 3:45, was the result of children playing with matches back of the Hardware store on Bulford Street, a small grass fire right around the corner from the fire station.

## Township Girls Win Play-Off

Dallas Township girls won the Back Mountain League championship for the second year in a row by defeating Laketon 38-36 Tuesday night on Kingston Township floor.

The Township girls sparked by Mary Kozick, who garnered 30 points, were in top form. Laketon won the first half of League play and Dallas breezed through the second half undefeated necessitating the playoff.

A goal by Mary Kozick in the closing minutes decided the contest. Laketon gave a good account of itself and featured Bialgowicz who got 20 points, no small total for a girl's game.

## Quick Sand Halts Construction Of New Commonwealth Building

Quick Sand, seventy-four feet deep, has temporarily halted construction of Commonwealth Telephone Company's new office building on Lake Street.

Yesterday only a skeleton force of eight workmen was on the job, but Albert Glahn, superintendent in charge, said construction will be resumed just as soon as piling arrives early next week.

"Test boring," Mr. Glahn said, "failed to show the presence of quick sand, but we've run into plenty of it. We've had lots to contend with—mud, water and quick sand."

"Nobody would have foreseen it in this location. I thought we'd go down about twelve feet and strike rock, instead we went down seventy-four feet at this end before we struck any thing solid and twenty-four feet up near Lloyd Kear's before we struck rock."

"We had to stop everything and change the designs for the footings. This is going to be a pretty heavy building so we'll have to sink piles."

Mr. Glahn said all of the equipment is set up and rigged, and a steam boiler has been moved on

## Smith Appoints 130 Aides For Defense Set-Up

### Kingston Township Is Preparing For Wartime Emergency

During recent tests, Kingston Township was acknowledged to have one of the best Civil Defense set-ups in Luzerne County. This week Arthur F. Smith, Director for Kingston Township, announced the names of the workers and the areas they cover.

Working with him as assistants are, Theodore A. Poad, assistant director and Francis McCarty, Chief of Police.

Committee members are: Education and welfare: James A. Martin, and W. Frank Trimble, Security, Francis McCarty, Evan Evans, Louis Banta and Robert Metzger; Communications, Harold Payne and John Landis; Utilities transportation, Clarence Myers, Walter Shaver and five Kingston Township trucks; Medical service, Dr. Sherman Schooley, Dr. Carl Bradbury, Dr. Charles Perkins, and Dr. Malcolm Borthwick; Evacuation, Philip Pascoe; Engineer, John Earl.

Auxiliaries, Mrs. S. M. Silverman, Mrs. Wallace Perrin, Mrs. Pascoe, Mrs. Russell Cease, Mrs. Fred Nicely, and Mrs. Glen Sickler; Steering Board, Arthur Smith, Philip Pascoe, William Hewitt, William Myers, Theodore Poad, Harry Spare, Ralph Hazeltine, Isaac Brace, Dana Sickler, Charles Eberly.

Fire Department, Joseph Schuler, David Schooley, Howard Woolbert and Vaughn Long.

Air Raid Wardens are: Carverton: Edgar Sutton, Raymond Harris, Glenn Sickler, James Sands, Jack Danna, Thomas Gay, John Dymond; Maple, Chestnut, Holly, Charles Perkins; Cliffside avenue, Robert Greenley; Lehigh street, Robert Gregory; Sutton road, Daniel Roberts; Warden avenue, Johnson, Al Groblewski; Bunker Hill, Lloyd Protheroe, George Novicki, Chester Glahn; Trucksville: Mt. Airy, Marvin Moss; Davis street, Albert Pesavento; Stafford, Vonderheid, Edward Hartman; Zinn, Johnson, Archie Baker; Lewis Avenue, Adam Young; Harris Hill Road, Bruce Long; Carverton Road, Charles Nestor, Edgar Sutton; Main Highway, George Shaver Sr., Earl Henwood, Sr., Bruce Ackerman; Trucksville Gardens, Nick Staub, William Clewell; Lohman street, Harold Yorks; School, Grove, George Parry; Orchard street, Sheldon Bennett; Main highway, Bert Fennell; Hillside, Sam Dicer, Jack Cannon, John Rinehart; Holcomb's Grove, Elwood Swingle, Chester Nesbit, Robert Clark.

Shavertown: Center, Summit, James Inman, Walter Gosart, Francis Youngblood; Ridge street, Walter Cook, Bert Stitzer, Lehigh street, Luther Powell, Clyde Brace; Terrace Drive, Tommy Andrew, K. G. Laycock, Johnson Miers; Spring street, Jerry Frantz; West Center street, William Eicke, Robert Williams, Percy Hart; Shagbar Drive, Sam Spadano; Franklin street, Ross W. Nigerele, Charles Kishbaugh, William Dierolf; Druid Hill, John G. Henninger, George Jacobs, Stewart Castlerline; Zinn street, James Ecker; Main street, Charles Gosart, Sr., Harry Ritts, Alan Johnson; Ferguson ave., Stephen

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## Mrs. Amanda Yaple Receives Hawaiian Lei



William Evans presents a garland of fifty orchids to Mrs. Amanda Yaple of Claude street who through her continual good cheer and happy spirit is an inspiration to all.

The genuine Hawaiian lei was received by Evans Rexall Drug Store in an air shipment of orchids from Hawaii.

Mrs. Yaple, one of the oldest residents of the Back Mountain community, was selected to receive it because in her daily living for more than eighty-five years she has exemplified the spirit of cheerfulness, courage and good neighborliness.

Mr. Evans, himself, will be eighty-two on April 29. Both he and Mrs. Yaple can teach this community on how to grow old gracefully.

More than 500 women received free orchids at the Evans store on Saturday.

## Firemen Hear Judge Flannery At 6th Lehman Annual Banquet

Guest speaker at the sixth annual banquet of Lehman firemen, held February 21 in the school auditorium, was Judge Harold J. Flannery, who spoke on the future of the Back Mountain.

George Stolarick, president, gave the address of welcome, Rev. F. K. Abbott the invocation. Gilbert Tough served as toastmaster. Homer Middleton gave a humorous reading, and Russell Ruble, assisted by Vera Whitesell at the piano, led in group singing. A quartette, Peggy Sponseller, Goldie Ide, Russell Ruble, and Garwin Tough, sang.

The annual dinner, with ladies present as guests instead of hostesses for the second successive year, was cooked by girls of the Home Economics Department under the chairmanship of Grace Barrall, served by boys of the agricultural course. There was a choice of roast beef or fish.

Present were: Judge and Mrs. H. J. Flannery, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Middleton, Rev. and Mrs. F. K. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. George Stolarick and Tommy, Gilbert Tough, Vera Whitesell, Alex Tough, Garvin Tough, Miss Peggy Sponseller, Russell Ruble, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Major, Miss Dorothy Major, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nuss and Susan, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davenport, Miss Goldie Ide, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ide and Leonard Jr., Eleanor, Mr. and Mrs. William Tretheway, Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ellsworth and Louise and Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Searfoss, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Squier, Carl and Roy, Mr. and Mrs. L. Beisel, Mrs. Alice Elston, Mary Lou, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Ide, Alice, Mr. and Mrs. A. Vanderhoss, Janet, Lois and Charles.

## Wealth Of Talent For Spring Concert

Quality and variety of talent for the Fourth Annual Community Concert to be held Friday evening, April 4 at Kingston Township High School auditorium will surpass any previous concert.

While it is hoped to have all Back Mountain Communities represented, it is impossible to use all who have offered to take part so that only the most outstanding adult and juvenile artists will be on the program.

Established primarily to encourage a greater interest in good music the Community Concert has grown steadily over the past four years.

As in previous years it is being sponsored by the Auxiliary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Mrs. Paul Winter in charge of program and arrangements. A large patron list is already forming.

## Baby Ducks Due Monday

Monday will see the first hatch of the season at the Wayside Duck Farm, Demunds. Paul Warriner says that this will be a very small hatch, only 600, but that successive crops will be larger and larger.

## Aurand Gives Informative Talk On Advantages of Consolidation

### Hundred and Fifty Interested Citizens Hear Former Lehman School Principal

Orris Aurand, one-time principal of Lehman High School, currently holding the chair of Education at Penn State College, spoke on problems of education Monday night before a group of 150 Back Mountain residents in Dallas Township auditorium.

## Kindergarten Poll Gets Under Way

### Petition Circulated By Five Mothers

Five petitions for establishment of a kindergarten to open next fall in the joint district of Kingston Township-Dallas Borough, are being circulated under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charles Eberle. Petitioners are women who have children of kindergarten age, or who have younger children eligible within the next two years.

A petition was circulated at a joint meeting of Shavertown and Trucksville Grade schools PTA held at Kingston Township High School last week, with 23 signatures obtained. Some members had already signed one of the other petitions.

Women contacting petitioners are Mrs. Robert Williams, Davenport Street, Dallas; Mrs. Gilbert Austin, Terrace Drive; Mrs. William Davis, Shaver Avenue; Mrs. Clyde Brace, Lehigh Street, and Mrs. Charles Eberle, West Center Street, Shavertown.

## Auto Thief Gets Car

Merritt Wagner's car was stolen from the parking area in front of Evans Drug Store, Shavertown, Sunday night between 9:30 and 9:40.

The car, a 1938 Plymouth sedan, black, four door, was left with the keys in the ignition while Wagner entered the store to make a purchase. He remained to talk for a few moments, and when he went out, found his car was gone. Thinking it possibly a joke, he waited for five minutes, then called Banta and the State Police.

Three loiterers were noted hanging about the parking space. The time of theft is bounded by the time Wagner entered the store and the time another car drove into the lot at 9:40. The car was later found at Harveys Lake.

## Aged Pony Dies At Hayfield Farm

Donald, Hayfield Farm Pony is dead. For almost thirty-eight years, he roamed the meadows, a pampered pet delighting successive generations of children. As late as last summer, children climbed on his back; but by then he was aging fast, his feet breaking down and his sturdy Welsh body sagging.

Donald has been a part of the Hayfield Farm picture ever since his purchase twenty-nine years ago from Billy Bulford. His running-mate, Buster, died two years ago.

James Billings, whose special charge he was, says that the place is not the same without Donald, but that in May the big barns are expecting two blessed events in the shape of Sardinian donkey foals, who will help close up the gap.

## Baked Goods, Dyed Eggs

Senior Girl Scout Troop Committeewomen announce a Bake Sale for Saturday, March 24, the day before Easter, at Boyd White's Shop, Main street, Dallas. In addition to baked goods, home-made candy and dyed eggs will be offered for sale.

## At Speakers Table, Annual Banquet Lehman Firemen



Reading from left to right: Miss Vera Whitesell, Judge Harold J. Flannery, Mrs. Flannery, Gilbert Tough, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Middleton, Mrs. F. K. Abbott.

BOX SCORE		
Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious Accidents Since V-J Day		
	Hospitalized	Killed
DALLAS	10	13
DALLAS TOWNSHIP	5	3
LEHMAN	1	1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	42	5
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	
LAKE TOWNSHIP	12	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP		2
TOTAL	76	26

The meeting, sponsored by Citizens' Committee For Better Schools, brought to a sharp focus the local question of jointure or as the speaker preferred to term it, consolidation.

Mr. Aurand supervised consolidation of schools of Steelton, Pa., under a program carried out by the Carnegie Foundation and was able to discuss benefits and drawbacks with authority.

"What kind of a school do you want?" inquired the speaker. It is up to the citizens to decide.

"The usual ten points given as an acceptable school program may be boiled down to three types of service giving young people the tools of success, including not only factual education but health and physical vigor, self reliance, and courage to face reality.

"Fostering of social ease and citizenship, group technique and ability to get along with people.

"Stimulation of a desire for higher standards and fuller living, along with a solid respect for work and a realization that accomplishment by one's own efforts is more satisfying than results attained as a hand-out."

"The school program," continued Mr. Aurand, "should embrace the dispensation of facts which could not otherwise be known in a lifetime of personal research; it should act as a social leveller, stressing equal opportunity before the law; act as a link between the generations; a cohesive force between adjacent communities; be a power for progress."

"This adds up," the speaker said, "to a clear picture of The American Dream. The children of the nation are the future of the nation. It is through the children that barriers will be broken down and a freer world emerge from the present chaos.

"How well have the schools performed their task?

"As dispensers of facts, not so poorly. As forces for citizenship and development of higher standards of personal conduct, not so well."

The speaker sketched briefly the advantages of concentrating pupils in larger foundations, pointing out that travel conditions had to be taken into consideration and that any plan which worked hardship in overlong bus transportation would not work. "Jointure will not work," said Mr. Aurand, "unless it is planned for a long enough period to give it a fair trial. If there is building contemplated, the period should be twenty years. With no building, a shorter period of trial is adequate, but there should be a long term plan."

"Consolidation does not guarantee better schools."

Consolidation Removes Handicaps "Consolidation removes handicaps which militate against better schools, provides the tools necessary for progress. But in the final analysis better schools are up to the citizenry. If schools are important to the population as a whole, the schools will be good. If considered of little importance, they will be inferior.

"A jointure should never be so large that it takes the school away from the community.

"Jointure does not guarantee cheaper schools. In the vast majority of cases the cost per pupil is lowered. In cases where a locality has had very poor schools, the cost per capita will be higher, but the pupils will benefit from wider curriculum and better facilities.

"Schools," Mr. Aurand emphasized, "are the only places where political, religious and social barriers can be hurdled. Varied interests are able to hold pupils who would normally leave school before finishing, increasing their chances at success in life. The schools are not preeminently designed for students who will have the future advantage of a college education. They are meant to give every student, of every grade of mentality an education which will fit him for life."

Students who shrink at writing an essay or translating Latin will leap at the opportunities offered by a well equipped shop. Schools must offer a varied diet under certified instruction.

School property, often the butt of pupil mischief, will not suffer if pupils are so interested in their work that they have a civic concern.

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