

Editorially Speaking:
The Great Debate

It is common for great debates to generate more heat than light. That is true of the great debate over foreign policy which reached its explosive stage with General MacArthur's removal. In many minds, the real differences have been obscured by a passionate emotional feeling. No one seems to feel objectively toward General MacArthur. People either enormously admire him or heartily dislike him.

Fortunately, the two main figures in the latest stages of the great debate, General MacArthur and Secretary Marshall, did not descend to the type of argument in which personal rancor dwarfs logic. Those who read the hundreds of thousands of words of testimony these two men gave before the Senate committee had a rewarding experience. Both of them are soldiers of the highest rank, prestige and accomplishment. Both have had wide experience outside the military sphere. Both are patriots with the finest motives. And both answered the almost endless list of questions put to them frankly, clearly and effectively.

Some people think that MacArthur and Marshall disagree about practically everything connected with the Korean war, Eastern strategy, and the world situation in general. This is not so. The area of agreement is very much greater than the area of disagreement. But where they do differ, and sharply, is over four extremely important and absolutely fundamental questions.

First, General MacArthur believes that intense air and naval action against the Red China bases would bring the war to an end in the foreseeable future. Secretary Marshall believes this might have small influence on the conflict for the reason that Red China offers few important targets and has no major industrial concentrations.

Second, while not overlooking the importance of Europe, General MacArthur believes that Asia is the more important of the continents now, as it is here that the communists are making their bid for world supremacy. Secretary Marshall believes just the opposite—that Europe must come first and that nothing must be allowed to interfere with our military implementation of the North Atlantic pact.

Third, General MacArthur realizes the importance and desirability of allies, but thinks that, if necessary, we can and should go it alone in Asia. General Marshall believes it would be fatal to alienate our allies, most of whom seem to be willing to go to any length to avoid all-out war with China.

Last, but certainly not least, General MacArthur does not believe that attacks against Red China proper would necessarily lead to greater Russian intervention and the start of World War III on a global scale. General Marshall thinks it might very well do just that, on the grounds that Mao is Stalin's best friend and could not be abandoned without causing the U. S. S. R. to lose all prestige in nations where it has been making its most potent gains.

All the name-calling to one side, these are the issues—and these pose the questions that only time can decide. The MacArthur dismissal brought them to a head. The MacArthur-Marshall testimony, buttressed by the testimony of a few others, has taken them out into the open.

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**FROM
PILLAR TO POST**

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

This is the season of the year when old graduates attend alumni banquets and reflect upon the youth and inexperience of the graduating class, while the graduating class sizes up the ancients from ten years back and mentally recommends wheelchairs.

We remember with considerable amusement that we too, heady with the new wine of a diploma and a prize for literature, and smugly self-satisfied with a recently delivered commencement oration (they were orations in those days and not speeches), regarded the alumni with a dispassionate and tolerant eye.

What had these old folks to live for, we asked ourselves. Most of them were over thirty, some of them were clearly doddering into their forties, and there were a few who had passed the great divide and were on the weather side of fifty.

Filled with noble sentiments from the commencement exercises, we made inroads on the chicken salad and the ham sandwiches provided by those same alumni, snapped at the ice-cream, and made our getaway.

Remembering a speculative gleam in the eye of a twenty-five year reunioner, we belatedly wonder if the old graduates were as bored with us as we were with them.

Lately, we haven't had much time to spend on attending reunions and reflecting on how poor Sylvia has gone downhill and Bernadette has taken on a spare tire around the middle. We go hastily past our own full length mirror, preferring the one that shows a bit of neck and face to the one which shrieks expanding waistline.

We hang our ear to the phone and listen to proud Mamas retailing the intellectual prowess of their graduating young.

We make a layout of graduating pictures, find that there will be a vacant space, and suggest that the class sponsor's photograph be used to fill the gap.

We read proof on May Queens and grade school operettas and valedictorians; we offer slim and non-vald apologies for an inversion under a picture which credits one candidate for May Queen with the name of her runner-up.

And we wonder how to spell Baccalaureate. It had two C's last year, we think, or was it two L's? We write it both ways, and both versions look wrong. We apply rules of spelling, but there are too many exceptions to make reliance upon them infallible.

We consider its derivation. The

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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	1
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	12	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	1	1
TOTAL	76	26

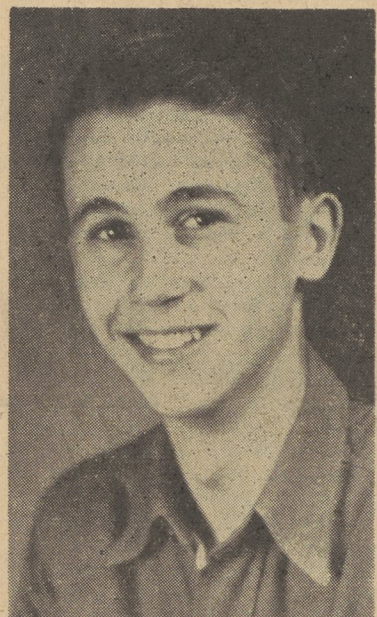
Back Mountain Schools Name Honor Students

Dallas Township And Lake Speakers Also May Queens

Round-up of June valedictorians and salutatorians shows Joan Bruns and David Kunkle representing Dallas Borough in the last class which will graduate from the high school before it becomes part of the joint school system with Kingston Township.



JOAN BRUNS

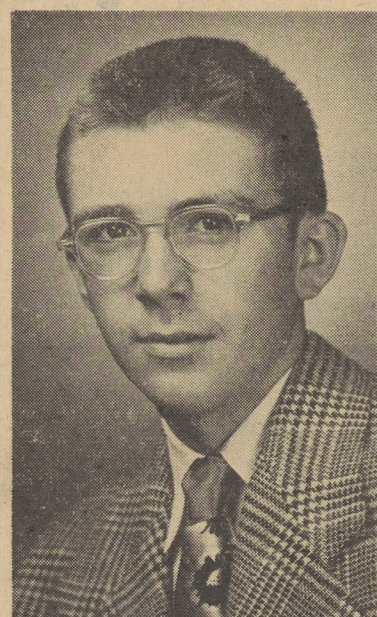


DAVID KUNKLE

At Dallas Township the valedictorian is Louise Brzyski, this season's May Queen, and William Goddard, salutatorian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goddard.



LOUISE BRZYSKI



WILLIAM GODDARD

Anne Palmer and Ronald Nuss were almost tied for the honor at Lehman-Jackson, Anne Palmer leading by a narrow margin. Kingston Township announces its valedictorian and salutatorian as Ronald Scott Woolcock, Jr., and

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Kingston Township High School May Queen Rules Her Court



Members of the court of honor at Kingston Township May Day last Friday, were: left to right: Elinor Downes, Junior crown bearer; Doris Bush, Ruthe Johnson, James Keeney, Janice Rose, Queen; Alyce Ann Donachie, Joan Sherin, Nancy Reese.

Janice Rose Is Crowned Queen

Kingston Township Has Perfect Day

May Day at Kingston High School on Friday was crowned with beautiful weather, warming sufficiently after a chilly week to make both participants and spectators comfortable.

The closely guarded secret of the May Queen's identity remained undisclosed, even to the Queen herself, until fifteen minutes before the ceremony, when the white satin gown was slipped over Janice Rose's head, and the long train and white bouquet adjusted.

Janice is daughter of Harold Rose, Shavertown, on the staff of the Sunday Independent.

Attendants, wearing pastel gowns and carrying pastel bouquets, were Joan Sherin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sherin, Trucks-ville; Ruthe Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson, Trucks-ville; Nancy Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reese, Trucks-ville; and Doris Bush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bush, Trucks-ville.

The remainder of the senior girls formed the court of honor. Sophomore girls led the procession as guards, and performed a sword dance.

Train-bearers were first-graders: Alyce Anne Donachie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Donachie; and James Keeney, son of Mrs. James Keeney, Alyce, a blonde, wore a shirt white organdy dress, James, brunette, a white suit.

Elinor Downes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Downes, Shavertown, member of the Junior class, crowned the queen.

For the first time in the school's history, a completely integrated program was offered, with all dances and entertainment contributing to a common theme. Janice E. Nagle, physical education instructor for girls, worked out the various parts of "The Coming of Spring", with both Kingston Township grade schools represented.

Lunch was picnic style, with a choice of hot dog or tomato and cheese sandwiches offered. A ball game with Lehman followed.

Students from Dallas Borough Schools were all-day guests, arriving by bus before the festivities and remaining for lunch and field day events.

Church League Will Try Again

Back Mountain Church Softball League attempted to open its '51 season Tuesday evening. Last Tuesday's games were cancelled by the sporadic showers. Two games are scheduled, one at Dallas Township and one at Kingston Township.

Prince of Peace, last year's play-off winner, will visit Kingston Township to play Trucks-ville Methodist. St. Therese's will be host to St. Paul's regular season champs last year, at the Dallas Township diamond. Shavertown Methodist, the remaining team in the league, draws a bye for the opening round.

Dallas Township will be the home field for Prince of Peace and St. Therese's. St. Paul's, Trucks-ville Methodist and Shavertown Methodist will use Kingston Township as their home field.

National Association Softball rules will govern all games. The games will be seven innings long and the official league ball must be used. Also each team will consist of nine men and spikes may be worn. High school ball players may participate in the league this season.

BEAUTIFUL WEATHER PREVAILS AS THOUSANDS WITNESS PARADE

Fifth Annual Memorial Day Event At Sweet Valley Is Largest And Best

Work Goes Rapidly On Parochial School

Since shipments of structural steel have been obtainable by Curtis Pethick Company, general contractor, work has progressed rapidly on Gate of Heaven Parochial School building, on Machell avenue, Dallas.

All steel is in place, and brick laying is going forward fast, with steel casements already topping the ground floor courses. Asbestos insulating mats are already in place above the second floor rafters.

Plans call for classrooms with the outside walls almost completely glazed.

May Queen



MARY ALICE LEWIS

Mary Alice Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Lewis, Lehman Township, was selected by popular vote of students from 7th and 12th grades at Lehman-Jackson Township school to wear the May Queen's crown for the annual festivities on May 22.

Mary Alice is immensely popular with everybody from the first grade to the graduating class, unfailingly pleasant, a good mixer, as well as a good student. Majoring in Home Economics, she made her own dress of sheer white material and white lace, not dreaming that she would also wear the long train of the May Queen and the flower crown.

Train-bearers were James Spencer and Jack Ottaway, crown-bearer Billy Oncay, from first grade.

Flower girls, also from 1st grade, were Sylvia Behrent, Judy Gross, Marie Hardisky, Susan Nuss, Gloria Lyons, and Delphine Sut-ton.

Maid of honor and crown-bearer of the queen was June Lord. Grace Barrall, Carolyn Berdy, Carolyn Major and Alice Ehret were attendants, and the rest of the Senior girls formed an honor chain.

Narrator was Kenneth Meade, junior class, reading a script prepared by Margaret Woolcock, instructor in Latin and English.

A field day in which the juniors won a trophy for points was held at 9 A. M. as a preliminary to May Day. A picnic lunch was served at noon, and a ball game with Tunkhannock followed.

Dallas Boys Enlist

Harold Souder, son of Mrs. Elinor Souder, and Herbert Brobst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Brobst, Dallas have enlisted in the Air Corps and are now stationed at Sampson, N. Y., for boot training.

A crowd of between forty and fifty thousand lined the parade route and jammed Wolfe's Grove on Memorial Day to see Rural Communities on Parade at Sweet Valley. For the fifth consecutive year no rain fell.

Floats assembled in the large field opposite the Baptist Youth Center to eliminate traffic congestion on the highway.

Passing the reviewing stand opposite the Post Office were entries grouped under six headings: Rural bands and churches; rural lodges and organizations; rural business firms; agriculture; comics and clowns; patriotic groups.

Churches were in the van, with Christian Church and Church of Christ, both of Sweet Valley, represented by appropriate floats.

Back Mountain high school bands were interspersed throughout the parade, their locations drawn by lot. Shickshinny put on its customary intricate drill, pausing before the judges' stand to juggle lighted batons, give the mounted kettle-drums a workout, and go through a twirlers' routine. Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Lake, Kingston Township, and Lehman-Jackson bands paraded.

Washington crossed the Delaware on board the Sweet Valley Daughters-of-America float was the entry that won first prize and the Donald Hunter Memorial Trophy in the patriotic division.

Some beautiful floats were entered in the businessmen's group, pre-eminently the lovely pastel float representing Sweet Valley flowers.

Livestock, always a hit in a parade was plentiful. Three black sheep were entered by Emory and Mary Wolfe from their Karacul sheep farm; two beautiful cows from Orchard Farm, and twin sheep from Bloomingdale 4-H.

There was a large horse and pony division, with riders ranging from six years up.

The usual one-hoss shay, an ancient democrat, and a pony chaise were seen.

A Stanley Steamer, vintage 1914, was driven by Bruce Fester, Berwick, among other antique cars including a staunch Model T Station wagon owned by Duke Isaacs of Trucks-ville.

Specialties and comics included everything from clowns to Lil' Abner and the Yokum family, a bouncing automobile, and Snuffy and Jughead.

Kentucky rifles were on parade, with Fred Moss, Myron Gregory and Myron Moss as sharpshooters, and Carl Seward and Silas Gregory carrying the bear. The bear, recently a rug, was shot in 1925, and weighed 350 pounds.

Morris and Updyke strawberry float was outstanding. A truly rural lad and lassie leaned against an old rail fence and ate strawberries the size of June apples, with outside berry plants, blossoms and leaves at their feet.

No parade would be complete without the tall bicycle ridden by Bert Brink.

Lehman and Idetown Girl Scouts made an impressive appearance.

Historic pieces of fire apparatus were shown by Montrose Fire Company, including old hose cart, pumper, and parade wagon dating from 1867. Wyoming Fire Company featured a German band as a foil for its ultra-modern equipment. Plymouth, Swoyerville, Kunkle, Franklin Township, Noxen, Lehman, Jackson, Huntington Mills, and Shickshinny companies were in line along with Sweet Valley, which brought up the rear.

Old and new types of agricultural implements were contrasted, flails Sampson, N. Y., for boot training.

Memorial Day Sees New Flag

Parade Visits Roll Cemetery and School

Memorial Day observance started in Dallas Wednesday morning at 9:15 when the parade which had formed at Dallas Borough High School paused at the Honor Roll in central Dallas for a brief prayer and Taps, with the flag at half mast. Edwin R. Creasy substituted for Rev. Joseph Sproule, who was ill and unable to attend.

At Warden Cemetery, Richard Vanderbrouck, Daddow-Isaacs Post chaplain made a brief prayer for peace; American Legion Commander Primo Berrettini welcomed the gathering; and Atty. Robert Fleming gave the address, taking as his theme the fact that nine out of ten of our population have remained untouched by war in the last three world conflicts, and that we should be ashamed to criticize the allies who have been the chief sufferers, with homes wiped out and civil population killed.

The band played several selections, with the National Anthem and Taps as final tribute to the dead, its echo heard faint and far away from a concealed bugler. A firing squad led by Roy Verfaillie sounded the traditional three volleys.

The parade formed once more and marched back to the school grounds, where a new flag and flagpole, gift of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary, were presented to the school by Mrs. Paul Shaver and Primo Berrettini. It was received on behalf of the School Board by Harry Ohlman.

The flag, dedicated by Rev. Frederick Reinfurt, was raised by four Boy Scouts from Troop 281, Jack Yaple, Bob Van Horn, Bill Reeves, and Donald Roeske.

Invocation was by Rev. J. J. O'Leary, benediction pronounced by Rev. William Williams, with the Band once more playing the Star Spangled Banner.

In the parade line-up were members of the American Legion, Daddow Isaacs Post 672; Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in uniform and carrying their flags; Brownies; members of the Ladies Auxiliary; the Dallas Borough High School band; and the Henry M. Laing Fire Company.

Buglers were Charles Treddinick and Louis Kitchen. Members of the firing squad were: Thomas Reese, Robert Moore, Harold Brobst, Don Verfaillie, Kenneth Gross, Leonard Harvey, and Richard Ash.

Former Lehman Resident Is Honored By Company

Walter Swetland Ide, Tuckahoe, N. Y., son of Mrs. Anna Ide of Tunkhannock, and the late Arthur B. Ide, life-long resident of Lehman, completed twenty one years service as an organic chemist with the research laboratories of Burroughs Wellcome and Co., a pharmaceutical manufacturing company, on May 15 and was presented a wrist watch by the company and several other lovely gifts by his associates.

Mr. Ide is a graduate of Lehman High School, of Wyoming Seminary, of Susquehanna University and of Duke University. He received his Masters' Degree from Duke in 1929. He has published, in collaboration with associates, approximately forty articles in the field of organic chemistry.

Second Night For Open Air Market

Luzerne County Farmers' Night Market will be open for business tonight for the second night this season, in its new and greatly expanded location in Kingston. With four acres of land rented from the Connecting Railroad on Pierce Street, parking problems are solved, and crowded conditions prevailing at the former location on Water Street completely cured.

Few seasonable vegetables and fruits are available so early in the year, but Wednesday night's offerings included rhubarb, scallions, radishes, lettuce, asparagus, spinach, and apples, in addition to flats of vegetable plants and bedding flowers.

The market will be open from now until frost on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Lake Teachers Elect Next Year's Officers

James Krum has been elected president, Mrs. Florence Worth vice president, Mrs. Thelma Culp, secretary, and Bethia Allen treasurer of the Lake Township Teachers' Association for the coming year.