

Trees and Fellow Townsmen

(Guest Editorial)

With the advent of town-dwellers to the Back Mountain region there come those who regard their new homes as surrounded by too many trees.

A spell of wet weather causes our new friends to lop limbs and fell trees—forgetful of the scriptural dictum that "The sun shines on the just and the unjust" and that without the sheltering shade the July suns shines as hot in Dallas and Harveys Lake as in Kingston or Sugar Notch.

To denude one's land of trees creates not only the discomforts of hot afternoons leading to still more restless nights but also creates large problems of land drainage.

Take the advice of a countryman and long-time resident and "spare that tree". Consider carefully the destruction of your shade. It is not easily replaced and surface water unabsorbed by roots and branches runs off precipitously causing wash in tender lawns at least and flash-floods at the worst.

The following verse sets forth our admonition—

A hundred years it stood  
Within a vernal wood  
A thousand times it paid  
Sweet comfort with its shade,  
Its lofty top raised high  
Cathedral of the sky  
Its trunk, a hundred rings  
Wind through its branches sings.

Take care, O thoughtless man  
Before its bark you span  
With biting, cruel steel  
That makes the giant reel  
Consider; be not loathe  
To contemplate its growth  
Regard its age, its height  
Ere you lay low its might.

July 30, 1951—Joseph E. Pooley.

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

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

To round out a week at the Dallas Post made memorable by urgent pleas for advice on an exploded furnace, a lost dog, a sick kitten, and a misplaced swarm of bees, Tuesday brought an anonymous offer of a snapping turtle.

Telephone conversation brought out the information that it was a large one, between twenty-five and thirty pounds; that it had a lethal beak and slashing claws; that it was coldly resentful of imprisonment in the largest picnic basket, and that it was for free, to anybody who could figure out what to do with it.

Faced with twenty-five pounds of solid meat, slightly flavored with fish, the staff took counsel.

Ralph Rood said he wouldn't like to discourage anybody, but that he had picked up a large snapper by the tail near Huntsville Dam one night, had immersed it in the space between the front and back seats of the car, and had been so overpowered by the fragrance within a tenth of a mile that he had stopped the car and gratefully released the prisoner.

Bob said his wife did not know how to make turtle soup.

Howard's reaction to "Do you wanna turtle?" was to the point, and phrased in two short words.

Myra said doubtfully that her mother used to have a recipe for turtle soup.

We returned to the phone. "How do you kill it?"

That, said the persuasive voice at the other end of the line, was the easiest part of the whole thing. There was a hook imbedded in the lower jaw, and with a spot of traction the head could be drawn out and the neck extended for the ax. Or the whole business could be plunged head first into a steaming caldron, like a lobster.

This seemed tough on the turtle, but after all the execution would take only an instant, and nobody wastes time bemoaning the fate of a hard crab or a raw oyster.

With the thought of turtle soup in mind, we suggested contacting the restaurants.

This, said the fisherman despondently, had already been done. Reactions had varied from explosive howls of "No, not that" to fears that the turtle might be left on the doorstep in a spirit of good clean fun.

All restaurants concurred in preferring to get their turtle soup out of a can instead of a carapace. None of them bit on the bargain of a caldron of turtle soup on the hoof.

There is a lot of meat in a turtle, seven different kinds, according to popular belief. Sorted out into trays labelled beef, pork, veal, lamb, chicken, and what have you, a large snapper would go a long way toward balancing the budget and curbing inflation.

Nobody was in a mood for bargains.

The fisherman sighed regretfully. He said he'd call some other people.

He said the State should offer a bounty for turtles, that the reptiles were a pest to the fisherman and a menace to small fish. That the one that had gotten away at Ford Lake week before last was as big as a table top and had devoured the string of fish hanging over the gunwhale to keep fresh.

He said that he had a real stake in this present turtle, because it had snapped up two dollars worth of night-walkers at two cents a snap.

He rang off.

On Wednesday morning he rang up again.

Civil Defense Booklet Issued

The State Council of Civil Defense announced today that the first of more than a quarter million Federal booklets, "Emergency Action to Save Lives" had been shipped out to County Directors of Civil Defense in Pennsylvania.

"The booklet is not a first aid course," Dr. Richard Gerstell, State Director of Civil Defense emphasized. "It is what to do in an emergency, how to stop a person from bleeding to death, helping people with bad burns, doing the right thing with broken bones, shock, suffocation. How to handle injured people."

"To really be of some use to yourself and your family, take a Red Cross First Aid course as soon as you can. But this booklet is good for emergency actions for untrained persons to take. It will save lives, whether the injuries are from atomic attack, or from an unexpected accident in the home."

The supply of booklets is being sent to all Pennsylvania counties and Federal government authorizes reproduction locally. Copies may be individually purchased from the Superintendent of Public Documents, Washington 25, D. C., at five cents each.

Monday Is Last Day For Camp Registration

Monday is the last day for registering in the Back Mountain YMCA Da-Camp. It is the beginning of the last two-week period. To date Da-Camp has carried the following members: Jean Newell, Joan Newell, Eileen Crispell, Carol Saidman, Larry Jackson and Terry Lord of Noxen; Betty Ann Chappell, Bonnie Ruth Jenkins, George Jacobs, Tod Eberle, James Eckerd, James Morgan, Richard Thomas, Douglas Cooper, Donald Stroud, Greg Harris and Tommy Jenkins of Shavertown; George Williams and William Weber of Trucksville; Larry Creasy, Stefan Hellersperk and Bruce Murphy of Dallas.

A well rounded program under the supervision of Miss Karen Lamb of Lehman and E. L. Wyant of Noxen has been operating to its full extent. So far two trips to Sandy Beach and one to the Noxen Swimming Hole have been enjoyed. The boys were active in fishing, swimming, wood craft, hiking, outdoor games to include organized sports and free play. The girls dwell on handicraft, hikes, hot dog roasts, etc. This has been the first time a program of this nature has been introduced.

L. W. LeGrand, Chairman of Back Mountain "Y", feels it has met with much success.

Awarded Contract

Raymon Hedden has been awarded a \$266,000 contract for the construction of an addition to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital at Wellsboro. Total contract is \$420,000. The addition will increase the bed capacity of the hospital.

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BOX SCORE  
Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious Accidents Since V-J Day

DALLAS	Hospitalized	Killed
DALLAS TOWNSHIP	10	13
LEHMAN	5	8
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	1	1
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	1
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	12	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	1	2
TOTAL	46	42

Kennel Club To Hold 7th Show

Sanction Match At Irem, August 19th

Back Mountain Kennel Club is preparing for its seventh annual Dog Show (A.K.C. sanctioned match) to be held Sunday, August 19 at Irem Temple Country Club. Mrs. Bart Callett is general chairman.

The show affords an opportunity for local owners to gain experience in showing and handling young and novice dogs before the fall circuit of shows begins.

Entries will be taken from 12 noon on August 19 up until show time starting at 1:30 P. M. No championship points will be given.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Show Secretary, Mrs. Thomas Robinson. Benefit Memorial Library.

David Parsons Embarks On Six Weeks Cruise

Midshipman David E. Parsons, USNROTC, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Parsons, Dallas RFD 1, a student at the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, will leave Norfolk, Va., Friday, on a six-week cruise of East Coast and Caribbean ports as a part of the Navy's annual summer training program for reserve officer candidates.

The cruise will provide varied on-the-job training and is required of all reserve midshipmen. Some 1600 midshipmen are scheduled to go on this cruise. Approximately 9000 midshipmen will have trained this summer when all the cruises are completed.

Fifteen Sunday Schools Picnic Tomorrow Noon At Harveys Lake

Back Mountain Sunday Schools will hold their annual picnic tomorrow at the picnic grounds, Harveys Lake, with a number of special attractions planned for old and young, married and single.

Games will be in charge of Victor Cross, Dallas, with contests starting at 1:30, following luncheon at noon.

A wood-sawing contest for women and a needle-threading race for men will furnish comic relief; two peanut hunts, one for children under six, one for children six to twelve; a tooth-pick race; a nail-driving contest for women; and an apple relay contest, in addition to the classic sack races and three-legged races, will furnish plenty of laughs.

Asher Weiss, superintendent of Trucksville Methodist Sunday school, says that fifteen schools have been lined up, predominantly

Methodist, but including Huntsville Christian Church School and St. Paul's Lutheran, Shavertown.

Mr. Weiss reminisces about Sunday school picnics in the past when people took the open trolleys to Harveys Lake and a steamer across the lake to the picnic grounds. Children are compensated for lack of a steamboat ride these days by having free rides on the amusements at the park.

Each Sunday school will have an arrangement for giving tickets for rides to its own pupils.

The day will start with a big noon lunch, end with a five o'clock supper and a short Vesper Service led by Rev. Frederick Mook Jr. at 6:30.

The committee expects and plans to entertain the largest number of participants since the picnic's revival some years ago.

Toll Gate Lions Want Local Speed Limit Set At 35 Miles

Efforts to establish a thirty-five mile speed limit through Shavertown and adjoining communities were discussed at the meeting of Old Toll Gate Lions Club Tuesday night at Colonial Inn, Fernbrook.

Excessive speed and resultant accidents were discussed by Rev. Frederick W. Mook Jr., director and chairman of community betterment committee. It was decided that a petition should be prepared calling upon state and local authorities to establish a thirty-five mile speed limit and place signs on the highways.

Sponsoring a safety program for the main highway will be acted upon at the next meeting of the executive committee.

A brief talk on Communist activities in the local area were given by P. M. Winter in which he showed the club a roster of 1,100 dues-paying members of the Communist Party in Luzerne County as of 1938.

Milton Richards, District Governor for this area, will speak Tuesday night, August 14th. His subject will be "Lionism."

Anthony Broody Entertains 150 Florists And Friends Gather At Farm

Anthony Broody entertained 150 florists of Luzerne County and their wives and friends at his acreage in Beach Haven, where he raises fifteen acres of gladioli for sale. Rain threatened Tuesday afternoon, but held off so that the picnicers could eat comfortably at long picnic tables set up in the shade, flanking a huge outdoor fireplace.

James Hutchison, Luzerne County farm agent, was on hand to discuss the contour plowing which had made the twenty-five acre plot free from erosion, and to give advice on soils. Contour plowing was done last year on advice from the department of agriculture.

Guests toured the various plots, admiring the prize gladioli and the early blooming asters. Planting includes not only flowers, but corn, tomatoes, cantaloupes for which the sandy soil is excellent, and cucumbers.

The picnic started at 3 P. M. when guests arrived with their basket suppers. Supplementary refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Broody and their daughter Jean; Mr. and Mrs. George Broody; Mrs. Robert Broody, Sophia Kamcher, Wesley Broody, and Sam Ashley, who manages the Broody Floral Shop on the Harveys Lake Highway.

Conducts Meeting



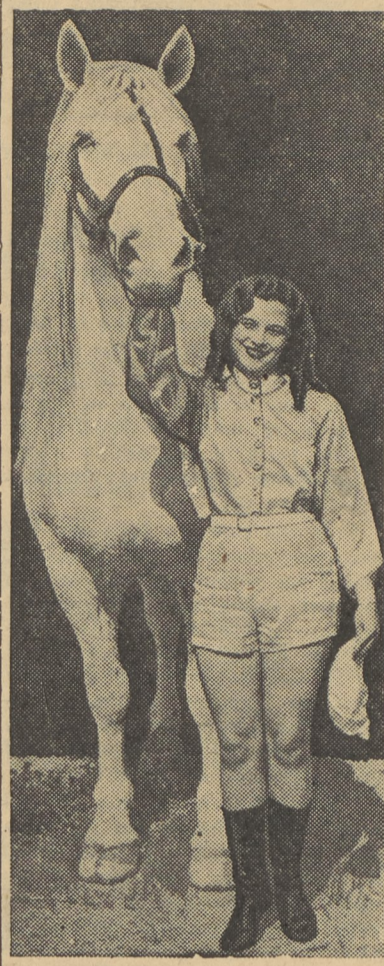
REV. HENRY BLACK

Rev. Henry Black of Los Angeles is the evangelist for the Union Tent Meeting being held near the Mohawk Riding Academy at Sunset, Harveys Lake.

The meetings, which began August 2, will continue through August 12. Services are at 8 each evening.

Rev. Black is a widely known author, evangelist, and world traveler. There will be special singing each evening.

Pretty Equestrienne



Dainty Ursula Niklaus, Swiss dancing Palomino pal, Goldie, equestrienne, and her precision-above, will perform under the "Big Top" when the Mills Brothers Three-Ring Circus plays here on August 31. Performers from eighteen countries will be numbered among the dancing horses, clowns, and elephants in the circus which is being brought here by the Dallas Kiwanis Club and the Back Mountain Branch Town & Country YMCA to help raise funds for the Youth Welfare Fund of both organizations. Two shows will be held on August 31—an afternoon show at 2 p. m. and an evening show at 8:00. The circus grounds will be on Harveys Lake Highway on the Harry Goering Estate, near Idetown. Doors will be open one hour before each showing time.

L. W. LeGrand of the Back Mountain YMCA and Fred Anderson of the Dallas Kiwanis Club are serving as co-chairmen in charge of the circus presentation which is the 12th anniversary tour for the Mills Brothers Circus.

This week the Associated Press carried the following dispatch from Bourbonnais, Ill., concerning an unrehearsed act put on by Mills Brothers circus:

AP Dispatch

Townsfolk of Bourbonnais got a free show today when a circus lumber truck overturned and three of the show's stars righted it in their own ponderous way.

A convoy of some 30 trucks of the Mills Brothers' Circus was enroute from Chicago to Lafayette, Ind., when a 1½ ton lumber truck driven by Harold Dykster, 23, of St. Louis, turned turtle on a curve.

Policeman Kenneth Kyrouac asked Dykster if he wanted a tow truck called.

"No thanks", the uninjured driver replied, "We have our own equipment."

Another circus truck was brought up and out lumbered three elephants. One steadied the overturned truck while the other two rolled it over.

Betsy B. Platt, Killed In Automobile Accident

Local Friends who learned to know her on her frequent visits with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph MacVeigh, Center Hill road, were saddened by the untimely and tragic death of Miss Betsy B. Platt, 22 of Wallingford and Princess Ann, Md., a week ago Friday morning. Betsy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip G. Platt and graduate of William and Mary College, was returning from a swimming party with two boy friends when she was instantly killed in an automobile accident. Neither boy received a scratch.

The MacVeighs, who started for Princess Ann as soon as they heard of the accident, had to turn around at Saylor's Lake and return when Charlotte became ill. They missed the funeral but spent from Tuesday until last Saturday with the Platts.

Shepherds Find That Bass Are Biting

Mr. and Mrs. George Shepherd, of Goss Manor and Detroit, have returned from a fishing trip along the Susquehanna, and report that the bass were biting. Mr. Shepherd is associated with Austin Engineers Company in Detroit.

Two Local Polio Patients Make Good Progress

Susie Lamoreaux And Carol Sutton Are At Contagious Hospital

Two cases of Infantile Paralysis reported in the Back Mountain area are making good progress at Wilkes-Barre Contagious Hospital where they are getting every attention of their physicians and Wyoming Valley Crippled Children's Association.

They are Susie Lamoreaux, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lamoreaux of Jackson Township, and Carol Sutton, 5½-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sutton of Carverton.

Susie was stricken a week ago last Thursday with a headache, pain in the back of her neck, a temperature, sore throat and general symptoms of grippe. She was treated by Dr. Z. L. Smith of West Nanticoke, and tests made at Kirby Health Center revealed that she had polio. Her left foot is slightly affected and her right a little less. She is making good progress and was expected to leave the Contagious Hospital yesterday for General Hospital where treatment will be continued.

Carol is in good spirits and is being treated by Dr. H. A. Brown of Lehman and Dr. J. T. Millington. She has no paralysis. Her symptoms were similar to Susie's except she had no sore throat and complained of aches in her hands and legs. She was taken ill Friday night and the case diagnosed the following morning.

Both mothers in a telephone conversation with a Post reporter said they could not praise too highly the care and attention given the children by the Crippled Children's Association.

They also said that they had been told that many children develop the symptoms of polio but have no paralysis and therefore their cases go unreported. These children and their families are never aware of how fortunate they are and may never again contract the disease, although they might during the period of their mild illness give the disease to others.

Mrs. Sutton said some authorities hold to the theory that polio may be spread by carriers. She advised all parents to read an excellent article which appears in the current issue of Parents Magazine giving answers to 100 questions on polio.

There are now five polio patients at Wilkes-Barre Contagious Hospital. Mrs. Sutton said the nurses, who are cheerful and devoted to their young charges, would like to have small portable radios to place at the children's bedsides. Any one who would like to contribute such a radio can do so by calling The Dallas Post.

William Cairl Holds His Own

After Operation Monday Morning

William F. Cairl, Sr. who was taken hurriedly to Nesbitt Hospital the day before his sixtieth wedding anniversary, is holding his own after a serious operation performed on Monday, ten days after admission.

Members of the immediate family who had gathered for a quiet family dinner in honor of the occasion, were saddened by the sudden heart attack which prevented Mr. Cairl from attending.

It was last year, at a Golden Wedding dinner given at Dallas Methodist Church, that Mr. and Mrs. Cairl were unable to attend because of sudden illness of Mr. Cairl. He has been in reduced health for some months, but carried on his work as custodian of Dallas Methodist Church until the week of his heart attack.

The weather was hot, and Mr. Cairl, intent upon finishing his duties before the weekend, overexerted himself. He will be eighty-three this month. Advised by his physician that he should give up his work, he was unwilling to do so though realizing that his heart was badly weakened.

Auction Notice

There are still several bake dishes, pyrex dishes, enamel pans etc., at the Dallas Post which were brought to the Library Auction with food in them. Some have names on, some do not. If you have not already called for yours, kindly do so as soon as possible.