

Idetown

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leets from Miami, Florida, visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kitchen on Saturday.
Howard Meade who is working in Baltimore spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Corcy Meade. Mrs. Meade entertained at a birthday dinner on Sunday in honor of her husband who observed his birthday on Friday. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meade and sons Billy and Donald, and Dorothy Meade.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kreidler Jr. of Wilkes-Barre, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kreidler Sr., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spar of Nicholson.
Mrs. Dana Dymond of Locksville spent the weekend with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Brace.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kreidler spent the weekend with the latter's mother, Mrs. Brown of Noxen.
Mrs. Arthur Montross returned to her home on Saturday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis of Rochester, N. Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crosby of Forty Fort, and Mrs. Arthur Montross were callers at the home of Mrs. Della Parrish on Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burnett of Mountain Top spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stacey.
Mr. Henry Goodman is a patient at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.
Mrs. Edward Davis of Wilkes-Barre who has been ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stacey, has improved very

Three-Year Hitch Up,
But He Won't Be Home

Sergeant Frederick E. Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Murray, Trucksville, R. D., completed a three year enlistment in the Air Force last Saturday, but will spend another year in the service, presumably at Andrews Air Force Base, Washington D. C., where he is now stationed as "prop" man, with a rating of proficiency.
Murray received basic training at Lackland Base, Texas; graduated September 28, '49, from Airplane and Engine Mechanics School at Keesler Field, Biloxi; and has spent the past two years at Andrews.
While on leave in June, he was initiated into George M. Dallas Lodge, F. and AM. His parents visited him over Labor Day weekend and inspected the huge field,

much at this writing.
Mrs. John Goss of Harrisburg spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stacey.
Miss Betty Crispell of New York City spent several days with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kitchen.
Mr. and Mrs. Al Hoover of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent the weekend with Mrs. W. H. Nevel.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Donnelly were called to Lancaster due to the death of Mr. Donnelly's father who was buried on Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams and son, Donald of Allentown are staying at the Brookshire Hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. George Casterline who were visiting relatives and friends at Watkins Glen, N. Y., returned to their home early in the week, left on Thursday for a visit in Rahway, N. J., from there to Reading, then on to Washington, D. C.
Richard Kern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, has enrolled at Kings College.
Allan Bisbee of Rhode Island, spent the weekend with Lee Lamoreux.
Mrs. Margaret Gregory and son Benjamin spent Sunday with Mrs. Bertha Weeks and family of Larksville Mountains.
Mrs. Francis Smith of Trucksville and Mrs. Ernest Fritz were supper guests on Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hadsel.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lamoreaux spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Giles of Albert, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Berninger and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Myers of Wilkes-Barre were recently entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Middleton.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert and sons Joseph and John and Thomas of Nanticoke, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fritz.

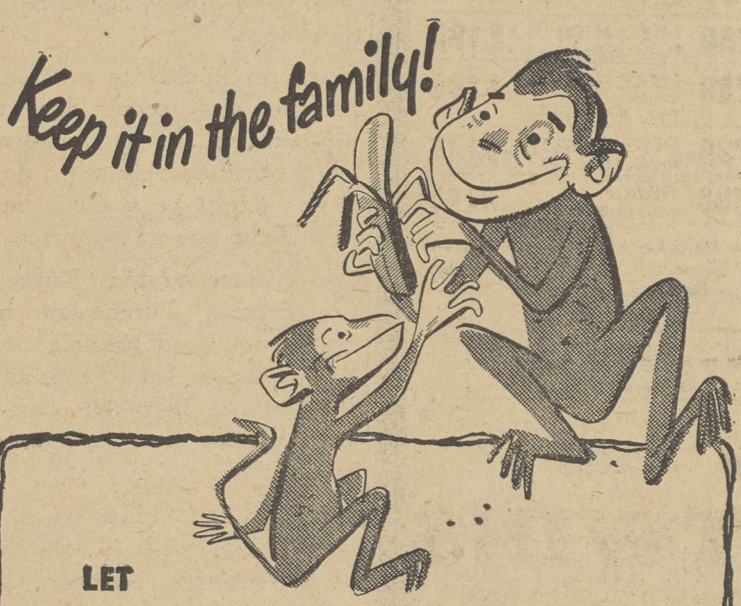
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Know Your Neighbor
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with amusement, that the first few Sundays he selected the longest possible hymns in order to curtail the sermon.
One thing leading to another, he soon found himself named assistant to the Methodist minister, also, with two rival congregations demanding priorities and his entire time. About that time he graduated, and the problem was solved, but not before the quarterly conference in North Fenton, N. Y., had bestowed upon him a local preacher's license.
He planned to continue studies at Syracuse, leaning to history and English, with some idea of a journalistic career in mind. But the conference appointed him to Preston, N. Y., a charge called "The Colt's Pasture", where young ministers out their wisdom teeth. The official board, learning that the new incumbent planned to attend college, voted to cut the princely honorarium of \$750 in half to compensate. But Webster put up a good argument that he could deliver as much spiritual goods over the long weekend as anybody else could do in the entire seven days, and proved his point. He supplemented his income by serving as chaplain of Chenango Poor Farm for \$150.
It was a tough two years, with a full college schedule on top of a full time charge, but he made it, and when he decided to leave after three and a half years, to attend Boston University Theological school, the board made all sorts of inducements to keep him. His predecessors had lasted for one month to one year.
His three years at Boston University were well filled, but not with football and student activity. With a background of work from the time he graduated from Towanda High School in 1930, he would not have known what to do with leisure time. Earlier work had ranged from picking tomatoes at ten cents an hour in the depth of the depression, to construction work on Route 22, where he replaced a grown man and two assistants in charge of reinforcing steel and placing dividers for concrete work.
So now, in Boston, it was natural to take employment at whatever offered, which in this case was bus-boy work and dishwashing at the Waldorf chain of restaurants. He felt heir to most of the greasy pots and pans, battling with them until three A. M.
And of course, he had another section. This was in the Wanskuck section of Providence, densely populated with Italians. The church has since been closed.
After he graduated, he tried to get into the Navy as chaplain, but requirements for 20-20 vision defeated him, in line with family tradition. His father had tried to get into World War I, also his uncle, and his father had even given up preaching for a year to manage his uncle's farm in anticipation of acceptance. A little later in the conflict, a small matter of flat feet wouldn't have cut any ice, but in those days it rendered a prospective chaplain ineligible.
His first real charge was in New Berlin, where he spent six years. The church was apathetic and in debt when he took charge. When he left it had had a complete renovation, its bills were all paid, its ministerial salary had doubled.
The church hated to see him leave, but Trucksville was an advancement and a challenge, and Webster accepted.
What he has accomplished during his four years in the White Church on the Hill is common knowledge. He has gone a long

way since the day of the first Armistice when he helped his father ring the bell to celebrate in Maine, New York.
The rejuvenation of the garage, the remodeling and redecoration of the church inside and out, the re-roofing of the tall steeple, the modernization of the basement with new wiring and installations, the bringing of the kitchen up to date, and the construction of a large parking lot has had the enthusiastic cooperation of an awakened congregation.
Rev. Webster no longer announces the longest hymns in the book, but specializes on the shorter ones, to give more time for his message. No longer inarticulate, his words fairly crowd each other as they come, following the same pattern as his writing, which trails off into indistinguishable tails as his mind outruns his hand.
He says sometimes it takes months for a sermon to jell, sometimes it is ripe for the plucking and only needs to be written down. He preached one a couple Sundays ago that has been brewing for a year, but had never come to a brisk boil until the night before delivery.
Rev. Webster says he thinks his slipping. That until a few months ago he always batched it, doing his own cleaning, but that recently he has had somebody drop in one day a week to keep his house in order.
Cooking? Well, he doesn't do much of that; for he is invited out often enough to make a meal at home a rarity.
He has a genius for friendliness, and a conviction that people don't need to be scolded or admonished half as much as they need to be understood.
A straight line, he says, isn't always the shortest distance between points. Frequently the same goal is reached by employing a few deviations, and much pleasanter and more beneficial to all concerned than hewing to the line and letting the chips fall where they may. People, he says, can be led a lot easier than they can be pushed. Maybe it takes a little longer to get them to where they are going, but the main point is that they get there instead of balking half way down the line.

STATE TROOPERS WARN
WET LEAVES WILL SOON
MAKE ROADS DANGEROUS
State Troopers wish to remind residents of the Back Mountain Region that wet leaves will soon become a menace on winding mountain highways. Drive carefully, they say, and with the first rain that brings down the leaves, reduce speed drastically.

Safety Valve
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Scarlet made herself a most "bodacious" dress the same way. A neighbor named Lillian Gosart Barto helped me sew it up.
Then I wrote this:
"On Request"
"Make me a quilt with ships from the sea",
My little son just said to me.
"With tiny flags to fly from each mast
And little blue stars in the sky made fast."
"A pilot's wheel to guide my dreams,
Right in the center of all the seams."
So I've started in with a right good will
To make his quilt while he's with me still.
Cordially,
Helen Conrad.
Editor's note: We omitted the one you mentioned as a possible Christmas card, not wishing to jump the gun on holiday mail. We thought it was lovely and hope you will use it.

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News of the Churches

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, lists services for Sunday, September 30, and its activities for the week. The life of the Christian during the week is centered in his worship of Almighty God on Sunday.
Sunday, September 30—9:45 A. M., Sunday School. Primarily Sunday School serves seven educational purposes: (1.) To lead the student into a personal relationship with God. (2.) To give the student an understanding and appreciation of the life and teachings of Jesus, to lead him to accept Christ as Saviour, Friend, and Lord. (3.) To lead to a progressive development of Christian character. (4.) To help build a Christian community. (5.) To develop the ability and desire to participate in the life and work of the Church. (6.) To give a Christian interpretation of life. (7.) To give a knowledge, understanding, and love of the Bible.
11:00 A. M.—The Service. "The Three R's of our Faith" will be the sermon theme by St. Paul's pastor, the Rev. F. W. Mook, Jr.
7:00 P. M.—Luther League. Mrs. F. W. Mook, Jr. will tell the "Story of the Other Wise Man." All young people are cordially invited.
Tuesday, October 2—8:00 P. M. The regular meeting of the Church Council.
Wednesday, October 3—1:00 P. M.—The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Newton H. Ness. Mrs. F. W. Mook, Jr. will assist as hostess.
Friday, October 5—9:00 P. M. Brotherhood Bowlers at Forty Fort.

Service will be held by the Methodist Youth Fellowship (ages 12-25) at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. Budd Schooley, Sunday evening at 6:30. Mrs. Louise Colwell will be in charge of the worship service. A guest speaker will address the group.
Scout Troop 281 will meet Monday evening at 7. Clarence Butler is Scoutmaster.
Executive Committee of W. S. C. S. will meet at the home of Mrs. Stanley B. Davies, Monday at 7:30. Official Board will meet Tuesday at 8. H. W. Smith is chairman. Finance Committee is urged to be present.
Franklin Bible Class will hold a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. William Higgins, Wednesday at 12:30. Devotional period and business session will follow luncheon.
Choir rehearsals Thursday as follows: Junior, 4:15; Youth, 6:30; and Senior, 8:00.

Coming Events
World Wide Communion Sunday will be observed on October 7th. Sacrament of Baptism will be administered. Those interested will contact the minister.
Our Church will participate in an area-wide Visitation Evangelistic Crusade during the week of October 13-21.
The Wyoming Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold an all day meeting in the Forty Fort Methodist Church on Thursday. Program to be announced later.

Pillar To Post

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door, ready to pick up poor Johnnie or what was left of him.
Johnnie's head appeared above the eaves.
"See my trowel anywhere?" it inquired, sociably.
There was the cement trough, and there was the box, battered beyond recognition, and there was the For Sale sign.
"What happened?" we yelled up. "It skidded."
"With you on it?"
"Nup, with me off it. Otherwise I'd be in the yard along with the scaffolding." And then, "See my trowel?"
We didn't see the trowel, but we looked for it, mapping out the probable trajectory.
And sure enough, there it was, right in the flower bed. And there was a red ripe tomato, neatly bisected, and separated from its parent stem between the second gladiolus and the third zinnia.
We hitched the trowel to the rope and sent it up.
And then we had ourselves a cup of coffee.
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