

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

If the house collapses into the basement, that will prove, A. that there has been an atomic bomb explosion, or B. that the flagstone floor in the kitchen was a mistake.

There had been talk of a flagstone floor for several years, but when the children were small it was decided, regretfully, that a stone surface would be lacking in resilience if a child should take a header, and that the upkeep in band-aids for lacerated knees would be something terrific.

There was a synthetic stone floor in the house in Lincoln, Nebraska, developed with a pot of paint as a top dressing for some badly worn linoleum. It looked authentic on casual inspection, but did not stand the test of close scrutiny. It had its advantages, though, in that it was not hard on the knees or the heads when a raft of children came rocketing through the porch door and braked to a sudden stop.

We had not really expected to have a flagstone floor at all. But the linoleum began to look tacky and something had to be done.

There were too many things with legs in the kitchen, we felt, to make linoleum a good choice. It would have taken hours of cutting and fitting, unless the equipment were uprooted bodily and re-installed on top of the linoleum.

Besides, we had asphalt tiles in mind for some time, nice little pieces that would fit around the laundry tray legs and under the radiator and the gas heater like a jig-saw puzzle. And we would do it ourselves.

It would be fun. So we inquired about asphalt tiles and got a bucket of cold water right in the face.

Asphalt tiles, the dealers concurred, were not recommended for the kitchen. For playrooms, yes. For bedrooms, yes. For rumpus rooms, yes. But not for kitchens. Grease, it seems, does something to asphalt tiles and they are never the same again.

Home again, with no asphalt tiles, Tom's eyes lighted on the stack of thin flagstones on the terrace, the ones he ordered in a mood of lavish abandon last summer, two tons of them.

Tom said, "How about a flagstone floor in the kitchen?"

The obvious reply to that was, "Where do you plan to get the steel girder you will need to support the kitchen floor?"

Tom sat down with a paper and pencil and jotted down figures, dipping into a large Sears Roebuck catalogue from time to time for ammunition.

Fifteen minutes later he came up with the answer.

"If we should install a large deep-freeze," he announced, "and an automatic washer, and a new electric stove and a new refrigerator,

ator, the whole business wouldn't weigh any more than a flagstone floor."

"And who," we inquired, "is thinking at this point in terms of a deep-freeze? or an automatic washer? or a new electric stove? or a new refrigerator? Though goodness knows," we added, "we could use a larger size than the sample we have been stuck with for the past ten years."

"Nobody is suggesting that we buy a deep freeze," retorted Tom. "What good would a deep freeze do us? We haven't a garden."

He drew a long breath and started in again.

"The flagstones," he explained patiently, "would not weigh any more than the equipment. As we haven't a Chinaman's chance of getting the equipment, and have on hand a supply of thin flagstones, what are we waiting for?"

And with that, Tom lifted the receiver from its cradle and called the Back Mountain Lumber Company for sand and cement. Not just plain old sand and cement, but white sand and mortar cement.

The stones, he said, were bought and paid for, and we might as well splurge on the trimmings.

He is laying the floor over the weekends, a little at a time, in order to allow the house to adjust itself to the strain. With the first ominous rumble of grinding foundations or the first shriek of rending timbers, he promises to stop.

Tom says it is hard on the knees, getting under the laundry tubs to fit little rocks around the legs. We tell him it is lucky it's the laundry legs that are getting fitted to rocks, and not his own.

He is also beginning to wonder what he will do when he reaches the porch door, cut off the bottom to fit it to the new level, or arrange a sloping ramp to lead gently down to the present sill.

We comforted him about that point.

By the time he reached the door, we said, he would be fresh out of flagstones, and he could build a dam across the kitchen, finishing out the lower level with linoleum.

Or, as that section is well away from the stove, with asphalt tile.

Dead Fox Found Positive For Rabies, Victim Starts Pasteur Treatments

The grey fox which attacked Mrs. Harold Dixon of East Dallas on Monday, has been reported by the State Laboratory in Harrisburg as suffering from Rabies. Mrs. Dixon had the first shot in the Pasteur treatment, administered by Dr. Charles Perkins Wednesday night.

The head was cut off and sent to Harrisburg for analysis by Dr. Thomas Shoemaker, Wyoming, after Mrs. Dixon had choked the maddened animal to death.

She had to choke it. There was no other way of forcing it to return her finger.

But Mrs. Dixon says she wouldn't wear a fox fur now if it had diamond eyes.

Mrs. Dixon had parked her car in the garage at 11:15, and was following her five-year old son Harold 3rd to the house, when she heard a spitting sound, and turned just as a grey fox leaped for her.

She hurled her handbag at the fox, and it slunk away under the chicken coop. Then Mrs. Dixon started to run for the house, cast a shoe in her haste, and fell headlong.

Instantly the fox was upon her, freezing to her finger. Mrs. Dixon, with only one hand to work with, gripped the fox's throat and held on, shutting off its wind. The jaws slackened, and Mrs. Dixon withdrew her finger.

The fox appeared dead, but Mrs. Dixon took no chances, beating it on the frozen ground until she was sure it would not recover.

The index finger of the left hand was punctured to the bone. Mrs. Madeline Riaubia, Mrs. Dixon's sister who lives close at hand, drove Mrs. Dixon to Nesbitt Hospital for treatment.

The vicinity of Orange has been over-run with rabid foxes ever since early fall.

The first incident on record was when a rabid fox attacked Kenneth Larish's dog, which later developed rabies and was shot. Soon after that a dog belonging to Anthony Matakitis was bitten, and shot on suspicion. John Feher's dog was the next victim.

Within the past month a fox came up on the porch of the Larry Smith home on the Harry Schooley farm. Mrs. Smith, hearing a rum-

pus, opened the door to call in the dog, and got it closed just in time to shut out the fox. Mr. Smith shot at the fox and missed, with considerable damage to the porch railing. The fox came back and yapped around, but was not killed or captured.

Mr. Smith tied up the dog which had been bitten, but it broke away and in spite of a frantic hunt for it, did not come home for two days, when it crawled home to die. During its absence it presumably bit other dogs, for George Schallenberger's hound dog, kept tied after the hunting season, developed rabies and was shot.

Irma Goldsmith shot and wounded a fox which was threatening her dog. The fox escaped but was later tracked down and killed by the game warden, and its head sent to Harrisburg, with a report of positive for Rabies.

Eight foxes have been trapped to date.

Speaker For Eastern Star



ROBERT HAIMES

Robert Haimes, Wyoming, will speak at the annual banquet of Dallas Chapter No. 396 O. E. S. honoring worthy matron, Mrs. Sowden; to be held at the Irem Temple Country Club, January 30 at 6:30.

Reservations must be made by Monday, January 28, with Mrs. Ann Roberts or Mrs. Thelma Lamoreaux.

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BOX SCORE		
Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious Accidents Since V-J Day		
TOWNSHIP	Hospitalized	Killed
DALLAS	10	15
DALLAS TOWNSHIP	5	3
LEHMAN	1	1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	42	5
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	2
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	2
LAKE TOWNSHIP	12	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	2	2
TOTAL	76	28

Here They Are, Guardians of the School Crossings in Dallas



Rain or shine, fifth and sixth graders from Dallas Borough School guard the approaches to the elementary school, stopping traffic while small children make a safe passage of the crossings.

Five new yellow oilskins and hats as well as large yellow flags lettered in black, have recently been purchased by Dallas Borough

PTA for use of the patrol.

All members of fifth and sixth grades have their chance at wearing the slickers, but if a child proves untrustworthy, he loses his place. It is an honor to be a member of the school patrol. Fifth and sixth grades alternate in supplying personnel.

Left to right, front row, shows:

Conrad Hislop, Edward Moore, Ronald Fitch, Larry Creasy, Carl Shottwell, Elwood Myers, Beverly Barstow, and Neal Smith.

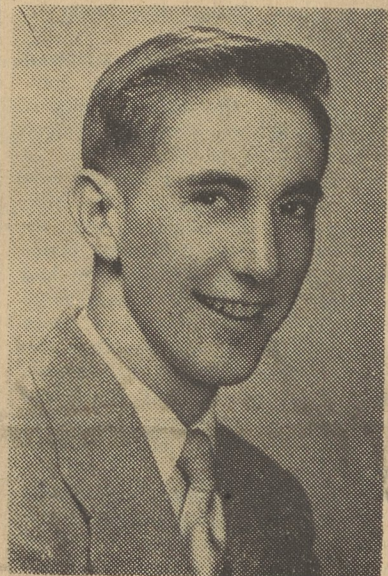
Second row: Beverly Bergstrasser, Robert Cross, Harold Ochs, Richard Rudy, James Kelly, Mary Dora Scott, Gail Jenkins, Robert Moyer, Lloyd Bishop, John Van Horn, Barbara Ralph, and Severn

Newberry.

Back row, Sandra Nash, Judith Robinhold, Ann Black, Louise Derby, Jeanne LaValley, Sondra Clark, Bradley Updyke, Ronald Cundiff, David Evans, James Daubert, Sandra Sprout, Janice Harris, and Mrs. Louise Colwell, principal and fourth grade teacher.

Photo By Kozemchak

Wins Silver Medal



DONALD LEWIS

Donald Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lewis of Carverton, and a senior at Dallas-Franklin Township schools, came home from Pennsylvania State Farm Show at Harrisburg on Friday with a silver medal. A gold medal and a silver medal are awarded annually for results, both in acreage and profit, from a farm project by a vocational agriculture student.

Donald's project was an acre of tomatoes, most of which were sold green through the green tomato auction. He placed first both this year and last in the bi-county contest entered by Luzerne and Lackawanna County students. He was the Luzerne-Lackawanna delegate to the Farm Show this year.

Lewis is not only president of the Future Farmers of America, maintaining a high average in Vocational Agriculture under Sheldon Mosier, but interested in athletics. He plays in the line in football, and as a guard on the basketball team.

He is at present raising a heifer calf, product of N. E. P. A. breeding program, a gift from his father who raises Guernseys.

Library To Hold Annual Meeting

Book Club To Serve At Open House

Annual meeting of Back Mountain Library Association will take the form of an open house in the Library Annex Thursday night at 8. All friends of the library and all directors are invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served by the Book Club, with Mrs. Dan Robinhold and Mrs. Raymond Kuhner as chairmen.

Miss Frances Dorrance, president of the Association, will preside, and receive reports from the librarian, the treasurer, the Book Club, and the committees. There will be no formal program. Fifteen directors will be elected.

IMPORTANT MEETING

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company election of officers tonight at 8 at Library Annex. All men of the community are cordially invited. Refreshments. Entertainment. Television.

Local Library Scoops Osterhout

Has Owned Prize Books Since Fall

When Wednesday's Wilkes-Barre Record carried a story on a donation of two volumes of "Life in America" to the Osterhout Library, patrons of the Back Mountain Library started telephoning the Dallas Post.

"Life in America" has been in Back Mountain Library ever since publication in the fall. It was one of the pre-publication books shown by Mrs. Emma Beinert at the October meeting of the Book Club.

Mrs. Dana Crump arranged for its purchase for the Memorial Shelf in memory of her father, the late Charles Tremayne, as a gift from his children. Earl Tremayne, Shavertown, and Theodore Tremayne, Williamsport, cooperated with Mrs. Crump in making the gift.

In reviewing the volumes, the New York Times says:

"These volumes constitute an able marriage of text and pictures. The thousands of judiciously chosen and admirably reproduced illustrations will inevitably receive first attention, but readers will miss the larger worth if they do not read the quarter million words with care."

The New Republic says: "These fascinating volumes, sponsored by the Metropolitan Museum, exemplify a new kind of history."

Dallas Borough Lowers Green Safety Pennant

Dallas Borough elementary school has lost its green pennant.

Lloyd Bishop, fifth grade, is not injured in any way, and his bicycle has lost only two spokes, but Friday's incident classifies as a traffic accident, with suspension of green pennant privileges for six weeks.

Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bishop, followed his grandmother's car too closely and coasted into it Friday after school when Mrs. Joseph Ransom made a left turn onto Norton Avenue.

Pic. Leon Galavitz, who lowered the green pennant Wednesday morning, made the rounds of the school rooms to explain the situation, accompanied by Captain Bradley Updyke and Lieutenant Harold Ochs, safety patrol leaders for the current week.

Green pennant regulations are that no traffic accident, no matter how small, remain unreported. Any accident involving a student, whether at home or at school, means forfeiture of the pennant and loss of the green pennant pins for six weeks.

To Junk Fire Truck

At their January meeting held in the Fire Hall, members of Shavertown Fire Company voted to dismantle the old Fisher truck and sell it for junk. In charge will be Howard Woolbert, John Chapple, Jack Jones and Ted Poad.

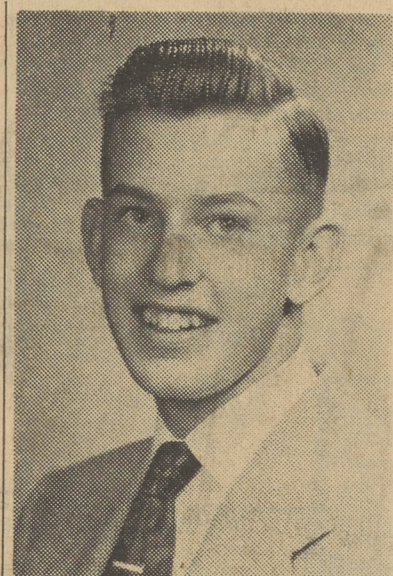
First in 1952

Al Austin was the first new member to join the Shavertown Fire Company in 1952.

Charles Hemenway Reports Farm Show, Commends Local Exhibitors

By Charles Hemenway

Senior Of The Month



LANCE WALKER

Lance Walker has been elected by students of Dallas-Franklin Township Schools as Senior of the Month, in accordance with Rotary Club standards. Each of the four high schools in the Back Mountain has now made its choice. Next month the honor goes back to Lehman-Jackson, which will select its second candidate, with Westmoreland, Lake-Noxen, and Dallas-Franklin following in rotation.

Walker is vice-president of the senior class, president of the Key Club, secretary of the Hi-Y Club, and a member of the yearbook staff. He is on the basketball team, and has earned letters in both football and baseball, qualifying for all-round ability in many fields, and satisfying requirements laid down by Dallas Rotary in selection of a Senior of the Month.

Lance, son of Mrs. Mary Risch, Carverton, attended the Mountain School in Franklin Township, entering Dallas Township when ready for the eighth grade. He is taking the Academic course and plans to enter Lehigh University to study Business Administration.

His name was put in nomination by the Senior Class, with the entire senior high school body participating in the election.

Donald M. Williams Dies In Canandaigua

Donald M. Williams, 51, a native of Loyalville, died at his home in Canandaigua of a sudden heart attack Wednesday evening at 6. Funeral services will be held from the Kennedy Funeral Home, Bristol Street, Saturday afternoon at 2, with interment following in Canandaigua.

His widow is the former Florence Davenport, Pikes Creek. There are two daughters, Joanne and Janet.

Numerous relatives live in the Back Mountain area, among them Mrs. Ralph Rood, Dallas, who is his aunt.

Mr. Williams suffered an embolism five years ago, causing his retirement from employment at the Veterans' Hospital in Canandaigua.

The thirty-sixth Annual Pennsylvania Farm Show is over, one of the most successful and largely attended in Farm Show history.

Many people in Pennsylvania do not appreciate the significance of this week in the Agriculture and Industries of the State.

One of its most unusual features is that admission was free, and all entertainment is free to those fortunate enough to get in.

One of the most interesting things is the activity of the young folks of Pennsylvania, the Future Farmers of America and the 4-H boys and girls with their many projects and exhibits.

Though Luzerne County is not one of the largest agricultural counties in the State, it was well represented in a number of exhibits.

Young folks exhibited animals in the Baby Beef section and Dairy Calf section. Bobby Rice won 2nd place with his Hereford steer, and placed third in the 4-H class, fifth in the open class with his Ayre-shire heifer. He was also accorded the honor of being selected as one of ten boys to compete for showmanship with his Hereford, an opportunity highly coveted, win, lose or draw.

Hillside Farms, Inc., Trucksville, exhibited twelve animals in the Milking Shorthorn classes, winning fifteen ribbons. The snow-white junior yearling bull, Hillside's White Mascot, won second place and favorable comment from the judge.

The Milking Shorthorn exhibit has shown increasing improvement in quality during the past four years.

Ralph Sands exhibited ten head of Holsteins in one of the largest and best shows ever held in Harrisburg. His animals were young and practically all bred by Mr. Sands. It is worth noting here that Ralph's success in the show ring and with his herd has been through the happy choice on a succession of fine herd sires.

Luzerne County can be proud of a number of herds of fine dairy cattle and a growing interest in beef cattle.

If you haven't seen the Pennsylvania Farm Show, you should plan now to attend next year. You may be surprised to see what a great State you live in.

George Z. Keller Funeral Today

Death Terminates Long Illness

George Z. Keller, Jr. will be buried this afternoon in Oaklawn Cemetery, following services conducted from Doron-Hughes Funeral Home in Kingston by his uncle, Rev. John W. Laird, Philadelphia.

Mr. Keller, 41, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Z. Keller, Kingston, had been incurably ill for some months at his home in Goss Manor. He died Tuesday afternoon at 2:15. His life was wrapped up in his (Continued on Page Eight)

Heart Campaign Opens Tuesday With Lecture

Clinic Director To Give Talk On Rheumatic Fever

Dr. Mary L. Richardson, director of Rheumatic State Health Clinic, Harrisburg, will make her first appearance in Wyoming Valley Tuesday night, January 29, at 8:15 at Irem Temple. The lecture is sponsored by Northeastern Pennsylvania Heart Association, of which Dr. Russell A. Stevens, Wilkes-Barre, is president.

Chairmen of Back Mountain Heart Campaign committees are Howard Risley, Dallas; Don Evans, Dallas Township; and Robert Williams, Shavertown and Trucksville. Dr. Richardson will speak on Present Day Aspects of Rheumatic Fever.

Dr. John F. Giering, Kingston, chairman, announces that the lecture will be known as the Dr. Ralph L. Shanno Memorial Lecture.

A graduate of University of Colorado Medical School, 1938, Dr. Richardson came to Philadelphia as resident at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in 1940. Except for an interval of a year as pediatric director of one of the Henry Kaiser hospitals in Portland, Ore., she remained at St. Christopher's until becoming chief of Rheumatic Fever Division, Department of Health, Harrisburg, in 1949.

Breeders Plan Annual Meeting

NEPA Local To Meet Saturday, February 16

Annual Meeting of Tunkhannock Artificial Breeding Cooperative will be Saturday, February 16, 1 to 3 p. m., at Dietrich Theatre, Tunkhannock.

Directors of the Local are: President, Donald Williams, Tunkhannock; Vice-President, A. S. Hallock, Laceyville; Secretary-Treasurer, John B. Henning, Tunkhannock; John B. Sheehan, Meshoppen; Karl Sherwood, Meshoppen; C. W. Carpenter, Clarks Summit; George Morrow, Clarks Summit; Paul Ifert, Meshoppen; William N. Lane, Tunkhannock; and Norman Lewis, Pittston RFD.

Technicians of the local are: Albert Ide, Dallas; George Dymond, Dallas; Orval Haynes, Tunkhannock; Harry Keeney, Meshoppen; Donald Gumaer, Clifford, RD.

Ayrshire Sire Committee members are Kenneth Rice, Dallas; Roy Greenley, Tunkhannock; Warren Reichers, Tunkhannock.

Donald Williams, A. S. Hallock, C. W. Carpenter, and John B. Sheehan represent Tunkhannock Local on the NEPA Board of Directors.

This local has 1,413 members with 11,416 cows. William N. Lane, Norman Lewis, and George Dymond have been appointed by the president to arrange for this seventh annual meeting of the local.

Herbert Hunter, Falls, and J. T. Harding, Tunkhannock, are selecting calves for the door prize.

To Speak to Girl Scouts



LADY BADEN-POWELL

Lady Baden-Powell, Chief Guide of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, will speak at the annual meeting of Wyoming Valley Girl Scout Association tonight at 8 in First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre.

A reception will follow the meeting, with Mrs. Harris Haycox, chairman of the Dallas District, and Mrs. Robert Weaver, both of Dallas, in the receiving line.

The guest of honor is on a lecture tour of Canada and the United States. Her topic will be, "Today's Boys and Girls — Tomorrow's Leaders."