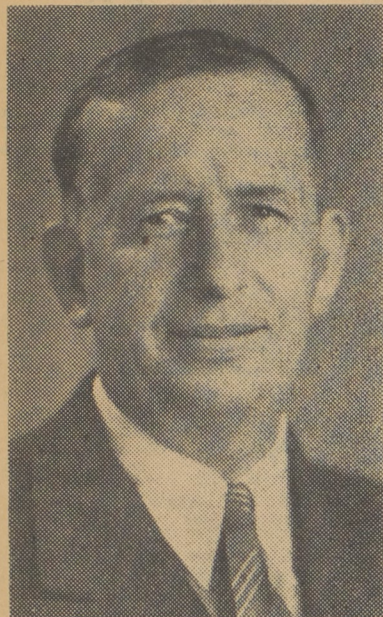


Know Your Neighbor



EDGAR R. KERLIN

A Tree-Man For Forty-Odd Years

As The Twig Is Bent, The Tree's Inclined

It is no accident that Edgar R. Kerlin grew to manhood with a consuming interest in fruit and trees. The little twig, from his earliest childhood, was inclined toward becoming a tree-man by an intensive diet of seed and nursery catalogues.

It was a long time before little Eddy knew there were any other kinds of picture books.

Mammoth cherries, blushing apples, downy peaches, filled his eyes from the time he could lie on a rag rug in the kitchen, propped on his elbows, and drink deep of the heady draught of spring fruit and flowers. When he learned to read, it was of Baldwins and Elbertas and Montmorcencies.

Family conversation revolved about fruit trees, for Jacob and Hannah Kerlin had fruitful orchards in the rich farming land of Chester County.

Young Edgar, after finishing his schooling, went automatically into the orchard business, farming it for a number of years on the home place, and then stepping out into the commercial orchard field.

As a logical sequence to accumulated knowledge of the needs of orchards over a period of years, Mr. Kerlin is now in the chemical fertilizer business, with headquarters in Baltimore, and a territory covering nine northeastern Pennsylvania counties for Miller Chemical Company.

The company is fortunate to have a representative who can step into an orchard, diagnose the situation, and state with certainty just what the trees need to make them produce to the limit.

Experience in handling huge orchards in Moorestown, Leesburg, and in the Shenandoah Valley, with their need for carloads of assorted chemicals, have given him a background far superior to that of a man who

has handled chemicals from the distribution or manufacturing end only.

An ailing orchard to Mr. Kerlin is a patient requiring spoon-feeding, and a balanced diet.

He says that with a large potato acreage in the area in addition to larger fruit acreage, and insect life on the increase, more and more potent chemicals are required. Before dilution, these solutions are so lethal that masks and rubber gloves are required for safe handling.

Since moving to Kunkle in 1948, occupying the old Devens place, Mr. Kerlin has become a power in the community.

When the women of Kunkle Methodist Church send in a report on money-raising activities, the Dallas Post always expects mention of Mr. Kerlin.

And it is never disappointed.

It is Mr. Kerlin, Superintendent of the Sunday School and chairman of the building committee, who erects the tent for refreshments at the Grasslands Festival and the Bloomsburg Fair, who arranges for connections of gas for snack service at the Farmers Market, and who rounds up a truck to transport supplies.

Kunkle Church has need for expansion, its one large Sunday School room inadequate for proper segregation of adults and children. Mr. Kerlin is digging into the situation with his customary enthusiasm.

Remember that minister who made a plea for contributions to the church supper menu? He didn't want airy promises, he warned, but concrete biscuits.

Every time Mr. Kerlin engineers another money-making program, that's another concrete biscuit for the new foundations.

Kunkle wonders how it got along before the Kerlins moved into the community.

Vital statistics:

Jacob and Hannah Reinwalt Kerlin, natives of Chester County, across the river from Pottstown, had seven children, four boys and three girls. Four of them are living: Edgar, Kunkle; Clifton, who farms in Chester near the old home place; Anna Herman, Douglasville; and Mary Marquette, Pottstown.

At twenty-two, in 1911, young Edgar married Sara Miller, born in Elverson, Chester County, and school teacher in that area. The couple are just seven days apart in age, but Mr. Kerlin did not state in which direction.

He handled orchards, first on the old home place, then in commercial fields, beginning with Commonwealth Orchard in 1918.

In Leesport, from 1921-1929, he was in charge of 1000 acres of trees, peaches and apples predominating.

From Leesburg he went to West Virginia Fruit Growers in the Shenandoah Valley, managing a large apple orchard, and later working out of Martinsburg with both apples and peaches.

From 1944 to 1948 he managed orchards for Scoblick Brothers, near Lake Winola, specializing in peaches, plums and apples.

That brings the saga up to his affiliation with the fertilizer company.

But Mr. Kerlin can't be satisfied without dealing with trees them-

selves instead of what's good for their roots.

Recently he is taking orders for fruit trees, with Stark Nurseries as his source of supplies.

There is a son, Charles, who has a dairy farm in Wyoming County near Tunkhannock; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Schonk, who lives in Big Pool, Maryland; and a younger daughter, Mrs. Donald Lunger, who holds the same position with Lehigh County Agriculture Extension service that Mrs. Ruth Darbie holds in Luzerne County.

It is folks like the Kerlins who are needed in the Back Mountain, folks who are not willing to sit back and let George do it, but dig in and do it themselves.

Girl Scout Troop 75 Studies First Aid

Girl Scouts of Shavertown 75 are the first in the Wyoming Valley Council to complete a first aid course featuring the back pressure-arm lift method of artificial respiration.

Mrs. Odus Moore, leader, says that fifteen girls completed fifteen hours of work, meeting Wednesdays at Shavertown Methodist Church under instruction of Charles Davis, chairman of First Aid for the Red Cross in Wilkes-Barre.

Last Wednesday, Mr. Davis awarded each girl a Junior Red Cross badge. All girls are now eligible for the first aid award from headquarters, which will be given later in the spring with suitable ceremonies.

The new method, explains Mrs. Moore, doubles the amount of air taken into the lungs, 1000. cc as against the 400 taken in by the prone-pressure method. It has been used in Denmark for years, but only recently adopted in this country.

Mrs. Moore took over the troop in January, with Mrs. James Gates, Dallas, as assistant. Up until that time, the troop, though formed, had lacked leadership and was not able to function.

Stationed At Sampson

Albert John Rebennack, only son of Mrs. Carl Rebennack of Meeker, left March 21 for Sampson, N. Y. to join the Air Force.

Al graduated from Lake Township High School in the class of 1949 and has since been attending the Academy of Aeronautics on Long Island. He was graduated from there February 21.

His new address: Pvt. Albert J. Rebennack, A. F., 13409219, 3652 Tr. Sqdn., Flight 1580, Sampson Air Force Base, N. Y.

Noxen Plans To Start Girl-Scout Movement

Plans for formation of Brownie and Intermediate Girl Scout troops will be discussed at a meeting for parents of girls between seven and fourteen tonight at the Noxen Fire Hall, 7:30.

Mrs. Earl Crispell has consented to teach the Brownie troop, Mrs. Ralph Lutes the intermediates. Representatives from Wyoming Valley Council will be present.

Mimeographed slips printed through the courtesy of Lake-Noxen school, have been distributed this week to parents having girls in the designated age group. Mrs. John Byrne, principal of Noxen elementary school and teacher of second and third grades, compiled a list of mothers to be contacted.

Installs Television

Kingston Township Veteran's Association has installed a new television set. Trucksville Radio did the work.

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Lunch will be served by the Ladies of the First Christian Church

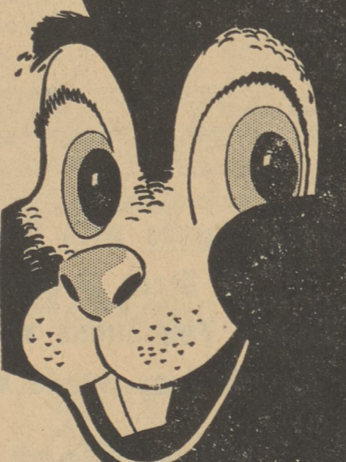
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