

Fin, Fur and Feather

By William J. Robbins Jr.



All through the winter months we can look upon bleak cold snow and patches of ice and during the summer we are supposed to rest our eyes and nerves by gazing upon the greenery that Nature provides, but not so in this part of the State, where Billboards spring up like mushrooms.

We residents of the Back Mountain area who must travel to and from the valley are not so fortunate as people of other sections of the State. For example, blaring signs in the short two-mile stretch between Trucksville and Luzerne add up to a grand total of 58. Not counting the small signs it figures up to one every 180 feet.

If one had a desire to read about the products advertised he would be travelling at a pace that would afford ample time to read the most important of all signs, the ones that advertise a speed limit in the township of 35 miles per hour. But no, the average motorist is in such a hurry that life and property is always in jeopardy.

Doubt arises if the people who travel this highway morning and night ever read, or purchase many or much of the products advertised on the defacing billboards.

My curiosity was aroused to such a degree that a special trip was made to list this tragic rapping of Nature that yields but a few dollars rental to the School Board. The boards read as follows.

Bill Kellys Dinners, Bartels Beer, Canada Dry, Woolberts Boats, Ma Skettino's Spaghetti sauce, Caloric Ranges, Glidden Paint, Lucas Paint, Pyrofax Gas, Kendall Oil, Admiral TV, the Boston Store, Blackstone Washers, Standard Beer, Septic Tanks, Jimmys Glass Bar that features Dizzy Gillespie, Jays have oysters according to the sign, Evans Lumber, Master Cleaners, Whitesell Bros., Pierce Appliances, Sunoco, Mobilgas, Williams Bread with a very inaccurate thermometer, Woodlawn Dairy, another Mobilgas, Chevrolet, Greenwalds Furniture, and the "thank you" sign of American Diaper service with the rear end of an infant sticking up in greeting. These are the signs that face motorists driving east. Driving west there are 23 large signs beginning with Williams TV and ending with Ritz Crackers.

Another doubt that comes to mind

is whether officials are interested in continual increase of property valuation as they should be, or is it just a case of grabbing the few extra dollars revenue under the tax-anything law. It has been proven in other parts of our Country that property valuation increases more than enough to offset the rental revenue of billboards.

Then comes the legal aspect. What percentage of these boards are on private property? What percentage are on State right of way? What percentage are too close to the right of way?

Who is supposed to enforce the laws governing the erection of billboards along State, County, and Township roads? What signs have been erected, not only on our roads locally, but throughout the State, that violate one or all of these laws?

No one knows or cares, and from the dollar angle who checks on the income and where does it go? I had better stop here for complications might arise and cause me to get a little nosy about laws and records, but there are many people who feel as I do about wanton destruction of the beauty of Nature.

Welcomed Home



SMILING Armi Kuusela who won the "Miss Universe" contest at Long Beach, Calif., waves happily as she arrives at Helsinki Airport in Finland. A large crowd was on hand to greet the blonde beauty.

Da-Camp Closing With Trip To Rickett's Glen

Back Mountain YMCA Da-Camp is planning a top-notch closing. On Saturday, August 16, the Da-Camp will officially close with an all-day outing at Rickett's Glen.

On Tuesday, all campers, boys and girls, will go on an over-night trip to Camp Pocohanna, the YMCA Camp in the Poconos near Blakeslee. On Wednesday, the campers went to Bowman's Creek for an outing.

The Da-Camp has enjoyed increased enrollment as each period progressed. Ralph Rozelle and Jacqueline Mulcey are directors. Parents are furnishing cars to transport the campers.

YOUR HEALTH

We hear a lot about radiation and its dangers.

Since the beginning of time, all living things on earth have been exposed to radiation.

Life, including mankind, is constantly bombarded by scattered radiation from cosmic rays in outer space and from radiation in radioactive compounds naturally present in earth and water.

The hazard of receiving dangerously large doses of a form of energy to which we have always been exposed, has presented itself along with the invention of x-ray machines, purification or radium, and the achievement of nuclear fission.

There are great differences in the dosage that kills by exposure to radiant energy.

Some bacteria can survive doses of over 100,000 roentgens, while the dose to kill a man is about 500 roentgens.

In character, the injury from irradiation is similar to that of sunburn—if we can imagine a sunburn that penetrates deep into the tissues.

The danger of receiving harmful exposure to radiation is not confined to atomic warfare.

In medical use, great care must be taken that the patient be given only the amount of necessary radiation treatment to be tolerated with safety.

Radiologists must be highly skilled, as during exposure there is no warning sensation of heat, pain, or tingling.

Excessive exposure to radiation causes a decrease in the number of circulating white blood cells, and may produce anemia.

Radiologists themselves are particularly exposed to the element of danger in radiation.

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ONLY YESTERDAY

From The Post of ten and twenty years ago this week.

TEN YEARS AGO

(From the Issue of August 6, 1942) Thirty Trucksville citizens formed a Community Organization, with immediate goal a park for the

Honor Roll. Thomas Ayre, Morris Lloyd, and Dr. G. L. Howell were elected trustees to serve three years.

Fred Westerman, formerly of Trucksville, serving with the Royal Canadian Airforce, is missing in action over Germany.

Big artesian well drilled by R. B. Shaver in Beaumont for Clarence Hilbert. Flow 750 gallons an hour, no pump necessary.

Nine of Col. John P. Kirkendall's crew are killed. Lightning burns three barns in Wyoming County.

George Swan writes from Africa, Warren Hicks from India. Figuring in the Outposts are Jack Reese, Cpl. L. J. Spaciano, Al Swelgin, Lloyd Garinger, Cpl. H. V. Lyne, Dorothy King, and Thelma Gregory.

Fred Eck writes an open letter to boys in the service. Alice Eipper becomes the bride of Leslie H. Tinsley.

Use stamps 13, 15, 16 for 10 lbs. granulated sugar, 63c; sausage 39c per lb., 6 stamps; red fish, 32c per lb., no stamps necessary; evaporated milk, 6 tall cans 55c, 1 pt. per can.

Mrs. Bertha Howe gives talk on dehydration of food as alternative to canning.

Loren Keller tests scooter for Danny, breaks ankle.

20 YEARS AGO

(From the Issue of August 5, 1932) Wets, Democrats, win in Post straw vote.

Residents owing taxes to the Borough may work them out. Eric Theodore Schulz, Dalles, dies after a long illness.

Desserts, 4 for 19c; mayonnaise, 23c per qt.; potatoes, 21c per peck, fresh dug; red salmon, 15c per tall can; olives, 25c per qt.; boiled ham, 33c per lb.; ground pork and beef, 17c per lb.

Three ample meals for men who work all day chopping wood are furnished in Espsyville for 25 cents.

You Can Be A Patron Of 5th Annual Concert

Anybody who wishes to be a patron for the Fifth Annual Community Concert featuring Back Mountain talent, may do so by getting in touch with Mrs. P. M. Winter, or Mrs. Charles Dressel, Shavertown. Talent, old and new, is being lined up. Irem Temple is the place, October 14 the date.

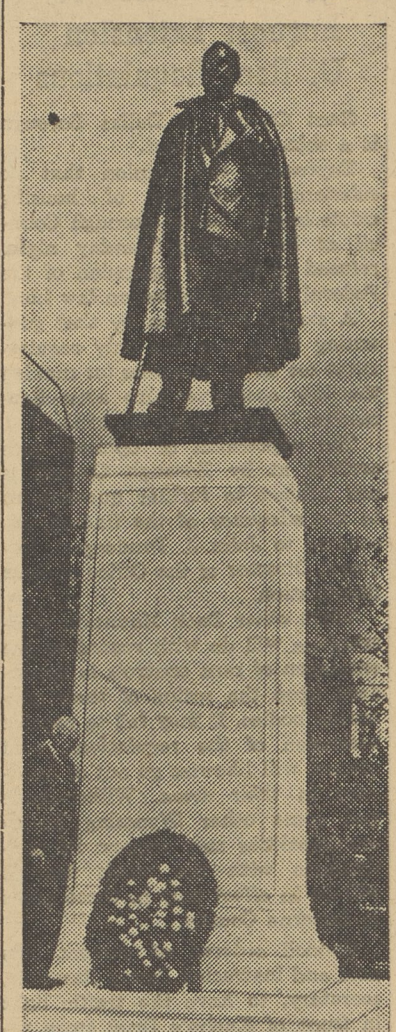
Guernsey Cow Makes Record

A registered Guernsey cow, Goodleigh Eolus Rosebud, owned by Dorrance Reynolds, has completed an official Advanced Registry record of 11,556 pounds of milk and 552 pounds of butterfat on three times daily milking for a ten-month period, starting her record as a 9 year-old.

"Rosebud" is the daughter of the famous Guernsey sire, Saugerties Eolus, that has 1 son and 31 daughters in the Performance Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club.

This record was supervised by the Pennsylvania State College, and was reported to The American Guernsey Cattle Club for approval and publication.

Baruch Honors FDR



U. S. ELDER STATESMAN Bernard Baruch places a wreath at the base of the Franklin D. Roosevelt statue in London's Grosvenor Square. Baruch, an adviser and close friend of the late President, is on vacation in England as guest of another old friend, Prime Minister Churchill. (International)

FARM TOPICS

Take Flower Inventory—One way to increase interest in raising flowers for improving the home grounds, according to A. O. Rasmussen, extension ornamental horticulturist of the Pennsylvania State College, is to take part in community floral shows. Take an inventory now of all flowering annuals and perennials suitable for exhibition.

Make Hay for Poultry—H. H. Kauffman, in charge of poultry extension work for the Pennsylvania State College, suggests making hay for feeding the poultry flock. Good leafy hay provides essential vitamins, proteins, and minerals. It may be chopped in lengths of 1 to 4 inches and fed on the floor or in racks.

Practice Fast Picking—Save time and motion when picking tomatoes, reminds James O. Dutt, extension vegetable specialist of the Pennsylvania State College. Pick with both hands close together and take as many tomatoes in each hand as possible before moving them to the hamper.

Control Late Blight—Wet weather and cool nights contribute to the spread of late blight on tomatoes. County agricultural agents can supply full information on blight control measures.

Nitrogen Needed—Birdsfoot trefoil, a promising legume for Pennsylvania farms, seems to need more nitrogen than other legumes because it does not have so many nodules on its roots for taking nitrogen from the air. James Eakin, Penn State extension agronomist, suggests 400 pounds of 5-10-10 per acre after the first cutting.

Be Careful—Between 200 and 400 persons are killed each year by lightning. Joseph McCurdy, Penn State extension agricultural engineer, says you are safest in a large building during a thunderstorm, especially if it is grounded. You are safer in a car or truck than out in the open. Lie down if caught out in the open.

Prevent Seeding—Unless you are saving seed, prevent seed forming on coreopsis, foxgloves, poppies, phlox, and Sweet William, cautions A. O. Rasmussen, Penn State extension ornamental horticulturist. Self-seeding of these species will cause a lot of trouble next year because it will result in an over-abundance of plants.

Control Lice—John Pepper, extension entomologist of the Pennsylvania State College, says that body lice on chickens can be controlled by dusting a light application of 5 per cent DDT on the birds after they have settled down for the night.

Barnyard Notes

After the events of the past three weeks starting with that fateful Saturday afternoon of the Library Auction, it is difficult for me to write this column.

As with every one in this community, the one thing uppermost in my mind is the passing of our doctor; and I find my thoughts turning to him when I arise in the morning, at intervals during the busy day, and as the last bright rays of sun tint the western sky.

I know this man who put duty above all else, who during the war with the assistance of another physician delivered sixteen babies in a twenty-four hour period, would not want it that way—would not want his neighbors to be saddened by his leaving. But they are!

Only this morning I received another note: "I hope you will be able to send me a copy of the August 1 Dallas Post with the article about Dr. Sherman Schooley. I was just one of his many patients and would like to have this for my scrap book," J.L.M., Kingston. Throughout the week every mail has contained a letter with a check for the "Dr. Sherman R. Schooley Memorial Fund." Many have come from my friends. Many from those I do not know. All were friends and admirers of his.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. William Conyngham called. "I would like to start a memorial fund for Dr. Sherman Schooley. The Conyngham family owes him a great debt of gratitude. I want to give \$500."

Mrs. Conyngham asked me to act as treasurer or chairman of the fund. I promised to take the chairmanship if she would be treasurer. She readily accepted; and so an organization has been set up to keep bright for future generations the memory of a man we all loved.

Any amount will be acceptable and received in the spirit in which it is given.

What the memorial will be, we do not yet know. (A separate Fund has been established by his friends for a niche of books at Back Mountain Memorial Library)—but whatever it is, it will carry on his spirit of service and love for mankind.

I accept this responsibility knowing full well that the greatest memorial to any man is not expressed in dollars but in our effort to follow the example he has set.

If you care to make a contribution, it may be sent to the "Dr. Sherman R. Schooley Memorial Fund" in care of either Mrs. Conyngham or me.

Circus Crowd Disappointing

Elephant Act Main Feature

Mills Brothers Circus, sponsored by Kiwanis and Back Mountain YMCA on Saturday, featured a group of elephants in an elaborate sequence which left the spectators breathless. Television can't compete with the sight of a pretty young girl actually inserting her head in a mammoth elephant's mouth and being carried around the ring.

Tumbling tricks were especially well received.

Competing with Road Races at Senator Newell Woods' estate, and many Sunday School picnics, the circus saw a smaller turnout than last year's crowd, disappointing both management and sponsors.

4-H Club members had a chance to exhibit their calves, parading them around the tent during the performance as well as exhibiting them for an hour after the first performance.

There were no accidents to mar the fun.

For the second successive year, Dallas Kiwanis and Back Mountain Y will apply their share of the proceeds to youth work in the Back Mountain.

Kenneth Rice, president of Kiwanis, and Lewis LeGrand, chairman of Back Mountain YMCA Board of Management, co-chairman of the annual circus, wish to thank everybody who cooperated.

Holstein Breeders Meet At Berwick Outing

Annual Outing of Luzerne, Columbia and Montour Counties Holstein Breeders was held at the Fairchild Brothers farm in Berwick on Tuesday. This event followed the annual classification of the herd at Hillside Farm on Monday.

Merle Campbell was official inspector of herds for the National Holstein Association, assisted by Arthur Nesbitt, Pennsylvania State Secretary and Field Man.

Clyde Hall, Pennsylvania State College, was principal speaker, topping a program of interest and instruction to breeders.

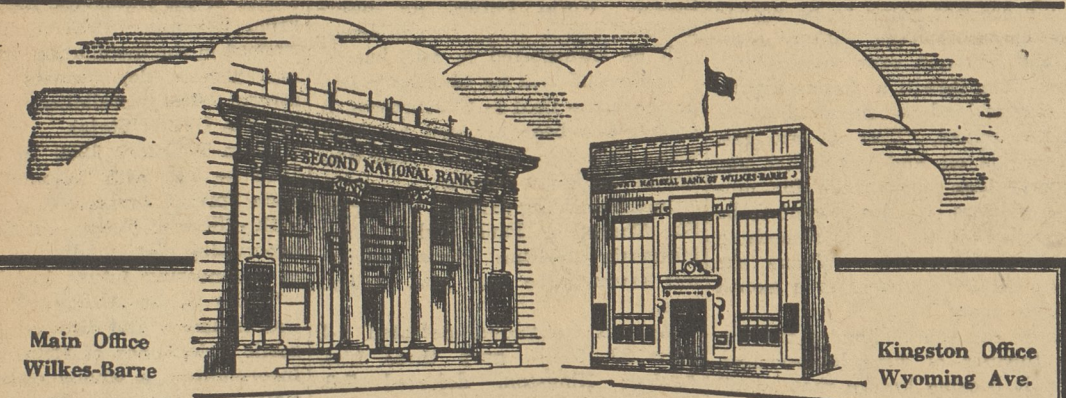
Seventy-five guests enjoyed a picnic lunch in the park near the Fairchild farm. Following lunch, the Fairchild herd was inspected, and various farm practices were explained. Pasture improvement plots were the subject of discussion.

The Fairchild farm has been in the same family for four generations, and is regarded as one of the better farm operations in this area. Jack Fairchild is one of the official classifiers for the National Holstein-Friesian Association, and Donald Fairchild is Active Manager of the farm operation. They and their wives and families acted as hosts and hostesses to guests at the outing.

W. L. Conyngham is president, Donald Fairchild vice president, and Ralph Sands secretary of the association.

The first Bible printed in America was printed in the Indian Language.

In the ark with Noah there were four women—his wife and the wives of his three sons.



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