

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

By MRS. T. M. B. HICKS

It's easy enough if you're not a cigarette fiend yourself to read articles such as the one in the July Readers Digest and decide that if folks know they are injuring their health by smoking cigarettes they have a very simple remedy to apply. Cut it out. But once a habit establishes itself it is easier to string along with it than to break it. Like going without coffee. I'd hate to go without coffee. But I can, and without much pain.

There's a drug in it, of course. I well remember the time a kind hostess thought she was doing me a favor by slipping Sanka over on me instead of the regular morning coffee. Starting on a trip, I was unaccountably sleepy, and had to pull off on the shoulder of the road after narrowly missing a bus while meeting a loaded trailer truck on the wrong side of the road. It took a cup of strong and scalding coffee to restore my reactions to normal. I like coffee, but if I thought it injured my health I would abandon it without a second thought.

If I were a smoker, and read enough articles about the alarming incidence of lung cancer, I'd ask myself a few searching questions. The first would be: Am I convinced that smoking cigarettes is doing me no good? If it is doing me no good, is it doing me harm? Can I afford to develop a lung cancer? Do I really want to cut it out or do I just think I ought to?

Have I a backbone or a wish-bone?

Nobody except the person who has the habit can break the habit. Not any kind of a habit. The wish is father to the deed. It has to come from the inside out, not from the outside in. When you're a kid, your mother can slap your fingers if you bite your nails, but after you grow up, habits are strictly up to the individual.

As for giving up smoking, it's harder on the innocent bystander than on the victim. Tempers flare, there is nothing to soothe the pampered nerves, and the person who is trying not to swear off while putting on a convincing act, goes through a regular routine of hoping he'll find a cigarette somewhere, and if he finds it, of course it is crickets to smoke it. That guy doesn't want to swear off. He is kidding himself.

And if he is convinced that it is doing him no harm, he is crazy if he subjects himself and his family to the fireworks of a losing battle.

It's exactly like the difference between a sober determination to lose weight, and a feeling that it would probably be a good idea.

That people can cut out smoking, and cut out taking aboard extra and unnecessary calories, is established. Let a doctor lay down the law with a picture of penalties to be suffered, and the smoking ceases, the weight comes down. There is nothing impossible about it.

I'm glad I don't have to swear off smoking. It's had enough to even contemplate reducing the midriff, to say nothing about doing something constructive about it.

And of course, being of Yankee extraction away back in the 1600's, I feel that fifty cents a day represented by twisted butts in the ash-tray, is an amount of money that could better be diverted to chocolate cherries with liquid innards.

Dear me.

Graduates Plan For Education

Nearly Half Of Class To Continue

Almost half of Westmoreland high school's 1954 graduates will continue their education. Twenty-four out of the fifty-two seniors will enter training or go to college.

Six girls will enter nursing: Jane Bartells, German Town Hospital; Margaret Reese Ferguson, General Hospital, Wilkes-Barre; Janice Lorraine Houser, Bayonne Hospital N. J.; Carol Elizabeth Kester and Arena Lucina Sisco, Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn; Jean Cecelia Monka, University of Pennsylvania School of nursing.

Scholarship students are: Marilyn Louise Covert and Bertha Diane Dobinich, Misericordia; Gail Margaret Woolbert, Susquehanna University; James Carl Goodwin, Pennsylvania State University; David Earl Vann, Wilkes College.

Destined to teach are: Carol Ruth Malkemes and Charles Caswell James, Mansfield State Teachers College; Rose Ann Pavlick, Bloomsburg State Teachers College.

Going on to college are: Mary Jean Broody and John Thomas Stahl, Pennsylvania State; John Williams Bauer, Kings College; George Robert Davis and David Clayton Robertson, Lehigh University; Andrew James Duda, Temple University; Paul Allen Evans, University of Kentucky; Donald Fletcher Hinkle, Springfield College, Mass.; Theodore Hicks Jones, Wilkes College.

William Harold Allabaugh will enter the Marines.

Blankets And Sheets Needed For Ambulance

Group Also Seeks Contributions For Oxygen Equipment

Dallas Community Ambulance has answered eight calls since the first of June. Seven were emergencies for transportation to Wyoming Valley Hospitals and one was a transfer from one hospital to another.

Three of the cases, involving heart attacks, died. In these latter cases the Ambulance Association borrowed oxygen equipment from Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company before leaving the Borough Building.

Members of the Association at a well attended meeting Friday night in the Borough Building urged that the Association purchase its own Resuscitator and oxygen equipment. There is also an immediate need for a chair stretcher, Thomas splint, rubber sheeting, emesis basins, two ice bags, two hot water bottles, five single blankets, additional sheets and pillow cases, four dozen hand towels, two flashlights, one trouble light (B battery operated).

This equipment is essential to give the four ambulance teams the required amount of material to answer more than one call during the day. The Association will be glad to accept gifts of any or all of this equipment or of money which will allow it to purchase these needed items.

It was brought out at the meeting that there is now a balance of about \$900 in the treasury to meet current operating expenses after paying about \$415 for insurance, a carrier stretcher and a complete checkup of the ambulance to put it in first class shape.

Natona Mills has offered to provide a trained first aid man to accompany the ambulance on every day call. These men are all graduates of the Advanced First Aid Training Courses conducted at Natona Mills. The Ambulance Association has seven additional advanced graduates who will be available on day and night calls.

Four Teams On Duty

Starting this week every member of the four crews will be given training in the operation of the ambulance by James Gansel and Alvin Shaffer. This will mean that all members of all crews will be able to drive the ambulance in emergencies.

Members of the teams are: Team 1, Nort Bert, captain; Larry Delet-Kanic, Leonard Harvey, Leslie Barstow; Team 2, William Wright, captain; Charles Rinehimer, James Beseker, Alvin Shaffer, Ted Ruff; Team 3, Jack Stanley, captain; Harry Brown, R. Patrick, Robert Laux, William Bert; Team 4, Charles Flack, captain; James Gansel, Leslie Warhola, Russell Honeywell, Donald Evans.

Team No. 1 is on duty this week; Team No. 2 will be on duty next week; Team No. 3, week of July 12, and every fourth week thereafter. Each team will be on duty one week each month.

All Can Serve
Anyone in Dallas Borough and Township who wishes to serve on an ambulance crew will be welcomed by the Association provided he or she has completed the Advanced First Aid Course conducted by Harry W. Brown, or has completed an approved Advanced First Aid Course within the past two years. A new class is now forming and there are already six students signed up. Those wishing to join should make application with Nort Bert, president.

Letter of Appreciation
The satisfaction that comes with serving on an ambulance crew was best expressed this week in a letter from Sister Mary Richard of College (Continued on Page Five)

YMCA Board To Meet

Back Mountain Branch Town & Country YMCA Board of Management will hold a business meeting on Monday evening at 8 at headquarters in Shavertown.

The Board will discuss the opening of a Dallas Playground for the summer under a competent director to be on duty during the day. Also plans will be made for the Da-Camp.

Boards Appoint Committee To Study Jointure

Talks With Lehman Jackson And Ross Townships Planned

A resolution sent by the County Board of Education for signing by all school districts in the area stymied proceedings at last Friday night's joint school meeting at Dallas-Franklin School.

The resolution is a request to the County Board to modify the present County Plan from its present two administrative units to one big unit which would include Lehman, Jackson, Ross, Lake, Noxen, Dallas, Franklin and Kingston Townships, and Dallas Borough. Beaumont to possibly join later.

Monroe Township, the 10th possible member of the larger jointure cannot take action as yet because its release from Wyoming County is dependent upon the establishment of a larger jointure in this area first.

Attorney Mitchell Jenkins explained that the County is interested in seeing a larger jointure come about but will not act until all districts sign the resolution. Failure to sign, by any one district, would leave it a sub-standard administrative unit.

The directors of the Lehman-Jackson-Ross joint board were not present at the meeting.

Jenkins stated it was not advisable for the 6 boards present to sign the resolution without the assurance that Lehman-Jackson-Ross will sign.

Harry B. Schooley Jr. expressed the opinion that the boards present should agree to join forces and appoint a committee to go into the details of a larger jointure. "Mainly," he said, "to answer the question, where is the money coming from? If this is all that's holding Lehman-Jackson-Ross back, then we should take the time to give them the information they want."

Donald Evans asked, "If Lehman-Jackson-Ross does sign the resolution to okay one administrative unit and permit a 9 or 10-way jointure this doesn't mean they have to participate in the jointure does it?"

Harry Ohlman said that this was true but, if a building is erected, then all 9 or 10 members of the jointure must be considered.

A suggestion was made by Atty. Jenkins that all members present agree to join verbally and then go to Lehman-Jackson-Ross as an enjoined group. He suggested appointing one member of each board to act as liaison between the jointed group and the County Office and Lehman-Jackson-Ross.

Attorney Lewis Crisman of Lake Township felt that Lehman-Jackson-Ross would prefer to sign the resolution along with the present group, not separately, after the other 6 had signed.

Frank Townsend then made a motion that presidents of the individual boards appoint members to this study committee to consider jointure with Lehman-Jackson-Ross. It was seconded by Dr. Bodycomb and unanimously carried.

The committee is to report at the next meeting which will be held July 30 at the Dallas-Franklin School.

Dodson & Hudak Have Contract For Theatre

Dodson & Hudak have the contract for building Sky View Outdoor Theatre at Kuehnsville, four miles north of Allentown.

The 800-car combination outdoor and indoor theatre will have a screen 65 feet high by 105 feet long, one of the largest in the east for showing Cinemascope pictures.

The job will be completed in eight weeks and to that end the local contractors have their men working on 11-hour shifts.

Widmann And Bower Make Dean's List

Two residents of the Back Mountain area were named to the Dean's List at King's College in Wilkes-Barre for outstanding academic work during the past semester.

Cited were George Bower, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Bower of Noxen, and Robert Widmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Widmann, Lake Street.

Bower, graduate of St. Nicholas High School, has completed the sophomore year at King's, where he is majoring in accounting. He received a "Cum Laude" rating.

Widmann, graduate of Westmoreland High School, has completed the freshman year and is majoring in liberal arts. He received "Magna Cum Laude" rating.

Harris Haycox Retires As Lazarus Head; Harry W. Powell Is Successor

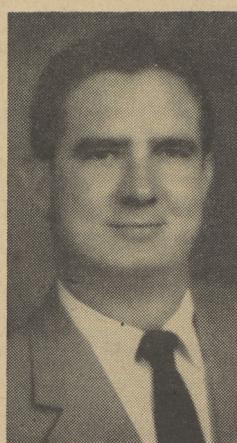


HARRIS S. HAYCOX

Harris S. Haycox, Centermoreland, directing head and general manager of Lazarus Department Store, Wilkes-Barre, since 1937, has retired because of ill health.

Mr. Haycox has announced that his successor will be Harry W. Powell, Trucksville, formerly assistant general manager. Mr. Haycox will retain a close contact with the store in an inactive status.

The retiring general manager, a former resident and Councilman of Dallas Borough, is widely known in the mercantile field and has created many innovations since coming to this area to head the South Main Street store.



HARRY W. POWELL

Mr. Powell, a graduate of Dartmouth College, has been with mercantile stores for the past eight years. He started with the Lazarus Store in 1947 and rapidly rose through the ranks. Before his reassignment here he was associated with McAlpin's, Cincinnati; J. Bacon Co., Louisville; The Fair Store, Montgomery, Ala., and J. B. White Co., Columbia, S. C.

A native of Lumberton, N. C., Mr. Powell's wife is the former Shirley Atkins. They have two children, Cynthia June and Richard Douglas. Their home is in Trucksville Gardens.

CARRIE'S PANTIES BRING \$95. ON T.V. SHOW IN NEW YORK

On Friday, Mrs. Caroline Caperoon, of Franklin Street, Dallas, had a wonderful time in New York City, and earned \$95 to boot. She also saw a lot of people, including some stage and screen stars, but more people saw her when she sold a pair of old-fashioned panties to Peter Arnell's television program, I'LL BUY THAT, coast-to-coast.

After Audrey Meadows of the I'LL BUY THAT panel established that Mrs. Caperoon's item was used to contain something, Ernie Kovacs wanted to know if what it contained was umbrellas, and the game really started rolling. After 19 questions, Albert Morehead finally "pinned down" the panties, and Mrs. Caperoon was awarded the \$95. She had a chance to triple that amount by answering correctly three quiz questions related to the old-fashioned pants.

She knew that another name for the old-fashioned hoopskirt was crinoline, but, unfortunately, she did not know it was Jeanne Crain who played the role of the young lady who was humiliated when the elastic of her old-fashioned underpants broke in the movie "Marge," and so she lost out on that \$95.

Thus far, I'LL BUY THAT has brought 421 items for a grand total of \$68,670. I'LL BUY THAT is presented over the CBS Television Network and may be seen locally every Friday morning from 11:00 to 11:30 over WGBI-TV.

Harveys Lake Women Sponsor Dance June 26

Members of the Harveys Lake Woman's Service Club will hold an informal dance at Beaumont Inn Saturday evening from 8 until 12 p. m., Finley's Orchestra. Mrs. Donald E. Smith is chairman, Mrs. James Garey and Mrs. Calvin McHose, in charge of novelty dances.

Prizes have been given by Mildred Lutes, hair dresser, for the door, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams, novelty.

Committee members: publicity, Mrs. Harvey Kitchen; tickets, Mesdames Elwood Davis, Carl Schreiner, Richard Williams, Tom Garrity, Ralph Lutes, Elwood Whitesell, Robert Deets, and Elizabeth Bavalage.

To Hold Bake Sale

Woman's Auxiliary of Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company will hold a bake sale at the Fire Hall tomorrow starting at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Alger Shafer is general chairman.

Prince of Peace Church

Sunday, June 27th: 9:30 a. m., Morning Prayer and Sermon; 11 a. m., Morning Prayer and Sermon. Wednesday, June 30th: 7:30 p. m., Boys and Senior Choir rehearsal.

Gate Of Heaven Plans Contest

Cooks To Compete At Dallas Fiesta

A baking contest will be a feature of Gate of Heaven Fiesta June 30 and July 1. Contestants are invited to bring their favorite product on either day, entering baked goods before 5:30 p. m. for evening judging. Anybody is eligible, whether a member of the church or not. Ribbons for first, second and third place will be awarded.

Mrs. Frank Ferry is chairman, Mrs. John Elenchik co-chairman. Bands 1 to 6 will bake for the regular baked goods booth June 30; Bands 7 to 12 for July 1. The closing night there will be a special contest for men. Many men, says Mrs. Ferry, take pride in their pineapple upside down cake or their molasses cookies. Any man may enter.

Mrs. James Borton, Mrs. Lester Evans, and Mrs. Ernest Gay, will judge.

Sponsor Tap Dancing



JEAN MARIE WEIR

Back Mountain Branch Town & Country YMCA will sponsor a tap dancing class at the 'Y' headquarters in Shavertown on Saturday morning at 9.

Jean Marie Weir of Kingston will teach the classes for the summer. Miss Weir is a well known Wyoming Valley instructor. There will be 10 lessons per pupil at the cost of \$5 for the 10 lessons.

Classes are open to girls and boys of all ages, who may register either at the 'Y' building tonight from 7 till 9 or by writing Back Mountain Branch Town & Country YMCA, Dallas.

Floyd Harris Barn Chairman For Auction

Floyd Harris, Barn chairman for the Library Auction, his brother Roger, and Howard Risley, worked Tuesday night rearranging furniture in the Barn to admit more furniture.

Man Who Attacked Huntsville Mother Given Maximum of Thirty-Five Years

Charles Francis Gordon, 28, Went Directly From Saloon To Huntsville For Early Morning Attack

Charles Francis Gordon, 28, Main Road, Trucksville, Navy veteran with a record of previous convictions for assaults, was sentenced to a term of 17½ to 35 years in Eastern State Penitentiary Wednesday by Judge J. Harold Flannery for the assault-robbery of a Huntsville mother on the morning of Tuesday, June 15.

Vicious Rumors Are Circulated

Police Deny Any Truth In Them

Vicious rumors of the type that destroy personal character have been spreading throughout the Back Mountain Region for several weeks concerning supposed State Police raids against bawdy houses and motels in Dallas Township and Shavertown.

The Dallas Post has investigated these malicious rumors which have been spread without investigation by thoughtless gossips and finds that they are entirely unfounded.

Both the Pennsylvania State Police and local police have denied that there have been any raids here or any raids planned.

The State Police offered the information that they never conduct any raids without notifying local police authorities. Local police say they have had no cause to conduct any raids of any kind nor to call State Police in. They admitted that they had heard the rumors and had investigated and had found no evidence that would justify them.

"We would be the first to act if there was any truth to these stories," Chief Jesse Coslett said. "I have investigated and I cannot find a shred of truth in any of them."

Chief Russell Honeywell said: "A grave injustice has been done to innocent people. There is no truth in the rumors."

Efforts are being made in two instances to track down the source of the stories and prosecution for malicious slander will follow if they can be found.

Westmoreland Teeners Take Two Straight

All Games Are Played On West Wyoming Field

Westmoreland Teen-Agers won their second straight game Monday night by defeating Dallas 10-6 in a game called with Westmoreland batting in the last half of the sixth when they had five more runs across the plate and only one man out.

Balut, Heslop and Frederici each collected two hits for the winners. A homerun by Finn of Dallas with the bases loaded in the six-run fifth inning highlighted the game. Dymond also connected for a homerun in the fifth for Westmoreland with two mates aboard. Frederici and Lukasavage were the battery for Westmoreland.

Last week Westmoreland defeated West Wyoming by a 2-1 score in a well-played ball game. Westmoreland won the game with just two hits; homers by Heslop in the fourth and the winning run on another homer over the fence in the seventh by the pitcher, Lee Eckert.

Eckert gave up one hit while walking seven and fanning fourteen West Wyoming batsmen.

Batteries—Eckert and Lukasavage for Westmoreland; Lekan and Michaels for West Wyoming.

Westmoreland plays East Dallas this Wednesday. Next week they play Jackson. All games are played behind the West Wyoming high school.

LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Tonight's Games	
Fernbrook vs Westmoreland	Jackson vs Shavertown
Monday	Trucksville vs Dallas
Tuesday	Jackson vs Shavertown
Wednesday	Westmoreland vs Dallas
Thursday	Trucksville vs Jackson

Gordon, who pleaded guilty two days after the crime, was sentenced 10 to 20 years on the robbery count and 7½ to 15 years on the assault charge. Both sentences will run concurrently.

Gordon was picked up Thursday evening at Back Mountain Little League Field in Shavertown by Chief Jesse Coslett and Officer Herbert Udyke of Kingston Township Police and Sgt. Lynn H. Bohr of the State Police working on a tip from girls who had been disturbed by Gordon's advances at Bloomsburg Mills where he was employed.

At the time of his arrest Gordon was assisting as manager of the Trucksville International team of Back Mountain Little League.

Before sentence was imposed, Gordon's record was shown to have included five previous assault cases against women, the first when he was fourteen years of age. In three cases he was sentenced after pleas of guilty and in two others the charges were dropped because of the reluctance of those attacked to prosecute because of possible notoriety.

At least one of the women involved, police said, was badly beaten by Gordon.

Kingston Township Police had been warned to "keep an eye on him" sometime ago when his parole expired. They had also been advised that he might go "haywire after drinking."

According to police, the assault-robbery for which Gordon, a married man with two children, was sentenced took place at 3:45 a. m., Tuesday, June 15, when he gained access to the isolated home of his victim, whose husband was away.

Gordon drove up to the home, tried two doors that were locked; found a third door unlocked and entered. The woman awakened in her second floor bedroom when she heard someone on the stairs, thought it was her husband, and called his name. She turned on a light which Gordon quickly flipped off as he entered the room and threatened to kill her if she made an outcry. He grappled with her and choked her, saying that he was a dishonorably discharged veteran who needed money and would not hesitate to kill her to get it. His fantastic story was later found to be false.

Under threats of physical violence, the woman went to the first floor with him where she gave him \$21, the contents of her purse, saying it was everything she had in the house. Because of the darkness she was unable to see her attack-robber, who warned her as he left by a summer living room that he would jump back through the screen door and kill her if she attempted to call police before he drove out of the driveway. "Then," he said, "you can go ahead and call." He had some difficulty in starting his car. But as he drove away the woman called frantically on the telephone for police.

The operator asked, "What police?" to which the distracted victim replied, "The nearest police to Huntsville." After some delay she reached Chief Russell Honeywell at Dallas who told her that Huntsville was out of his jurisdiction and that she should call Chief Joseph Ide of Lehman. Chief Ide said it was likewise out of his jurisdiction but he would come at once. In the meantime the woman called neighbors who came to her assistance and called Pennsylvania State Police. The victim was not aware until then that the State Police have patrol cars in this area that can come almost immediately in emergencies.

It was brought out in Court that Gordon had visited three saloons earlier in the evening and had gone directly from one to the Huntsville home bent on robbery. He was unable to explain what caused him to attack the woman. His record showed he had been tested previously when in custody on other cases and had been found sane. He was in jail at one time for eighteen months before being paroled at the instance of a clergyman.

Wins Bicycle

Marguerite Raub, Park Street, has been announced a first prize winner in a national coloring contest sponsored by Buster Brown Shoe Company of St. Louis. Marguerite won a DeLuxe Schwinn bicycle.