

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

By MRS. T. M. B. HICKS

One of the nicest men you ever saw walked into the office a few days ago, and in the course of the conversation remarked that there were two new babies at his house, seven months apart. The office staff did a double-take, while Mr. X stood by with a gleam in his eye. Premature? Uh-uh. Both of them husky and with the entire complement of fingers and toes, hungry at suitable times, but amiable about waiting a bit for the bottle as long as they could see signs pointing to preparation.

After curiosity had reached the boiling point and threatened to escape in jets of steam under pressure, he did a spot of explaining.

It seems he and his wife have six children, four of them adopted, not rationed out according to dictates of nature, but bestowed upon the happy couple at odd times and under a variety of circumstances.

Almost anybody has toyed at times with the idea of taking a flower-like child to the heart—if it has blue eyes and golden ringlets and an impeccable background dating back to the Mayflower with no bar sinister anywhere along the line. The phenomenon should resemble great-aunt Matilda, or if it's a boy, Grandfather Elias.

But most folks shrink from adopting a child who has something wrong with it or whose skin is dusky.

One of the adopted children is an Indian, a little girl who was not adoptable according to ordinary standards. One, like Topsy, "just grew." Mr. X said that up to date, no Negro child had been taken into the fold, but that it wouldn't make any difference to himself or his wife. They like children. Any children. But especially children who need something done for them, children who might have to spend years in children's homes, children who are considered not adoptable by placement bureaus.

Off hand, it is impossible to figure out any greater contribution to the world than this. Captains of industry and dictators drunk with power go ruthlessly about reducing the world to rubble. People like the X's build it up again, salvaging here, poulticing there, giving the most important thing in the world to those who need it the most.

"Love, Unlimited," it should be called.

But it takes a certain type of couple to make success of it. Two people have to work together on the project, pouring out love and understanding without stint. It has to be the most fascinating game in the world to them, superseding those concerns which keep the average couple bound to a treadmill, keeping up with the Joneses, pursuing a sterile path to a sterile goal, happily blind to their own lack of directive.

The X's don't consider themselves noble, which is in itself the explanation for their success. They're having fun.

They enjoy the children. They scoff at the notion that "It's such a risk to take strange children." They say, "How can you tell how your own children are going to turn out? How do you guarantee that there won't be a throwback to that horse-thief hanging on everybody's family tree?"

It's the environment that counts. And environment does not mean fancy fixings or elaborate food. It means affection, given without stint, the foundation stone for everything good in the world, affection that has a child's best interests at heart, that controls and guides and that embraces endless patience. Not the tight-lipped patience, but the kind that takes into consideration the slow unfolding of a flower.

It is a gift, that kind of love, the only real emotional security.

Lucky little adopted children, free to expand in an atmosphere denied to so many children born into the average family.

Ed Haskell's Collie, Wendy, Guards Bicycle

Edward Haskell, who recently returned from Europe where he gave several lectures this summer, parked his bicycle near Boyd White's Store last week while he went to Wilkes-Barre by bus.

He was unaware that his mongrel Collie Wendy had followed him from his home on Huntsville Road or that she stood guard beside the bicycle all afternoon and all night until he returned for it the following day.

Mrs. A. C. Devens In Scranton Hospital

Mrs. A. C. Devens is a patient at Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton where she underwent an operation for cataracts this week.

Her room adjoins that of C. A. Boston of Nicholson whose condition remains unchanged since his admission eight weeks ago.

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Sands Herd Again Tops Bloom Fair

Mollie Belle Lyons Is Grand Champion Holstein Third Year

Ralph Sands Holsteins swept the show at Bloomsburg Fair's 100th anniversary last week.

Animals from the Sandsdale herd took ten first prizes and six second places.

There were sixteen exhibitors in the Holstein Division, making it the largest in the history of the fair.

As she has done for the past three years, Sands Mollie Belle Lyons, took first prize for aged senior female and was grand champion.

Her daughter, Sandsdale Sovereign Lucky Mollie took first prize for senior yearling and was junior champion female of the show.

A son, Sandsdale Dandy Dew Drop, took first prize for bull calf and was junior champion male.

Other winners from the Sands herd were: Sandsdale Sovereign Winner, 2nd prize bull calf; Sandsdale Texal Sovereign, 2nd prize two-year old bull; Sandsdale Spot Rock Hill, 2nd prize aged cow; Sandsdale Sovereign White, 2nd prize heifer calf; Sandsdale Sovereign Mary, 2nd prize aged cow; Sandsdale Sovereign Happy, 3rd prize junior yearling.

In addition the herd took first for best uddered cow; first prize exhibitor's herd; first prize breeder's young herd; first prize dairy herd; first prize senior get of sire; first prize junior get of sire; first prize produce of dam and seventh prize produce of dam.

All in all it was the finest showing made by Ralph Sands in his seven years of showing at the fair. In fact the Sands herd took all but one of the first places in the Holstein Division. The exception was Senior Grand Champion Bull which went to Howard Weiss of Lebanon who exhibited the same animal who took Grand Champion last season at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show. Sands Farm Dairy did not show its aged bull.

Judge was George (Dutch) Snyder of St. Johns.

Commenting on the fine showing of Mollie Belle Lyons who went grand champion for the third year in a row, Mr. Sands said, "she is one of the greatest—the best cow we ever had."

Turtle-Toters Please Note!

Wonder if the turtle story will ever be completed. Now we hear, from the curator of the National Zoo in Washington, that it is a marvel that Rollie Bulford's terrapin didn't pass out before being returned to its native element. Seems a big fat terrapin, crowding its shell and decidedly overweight, needs to be transported on its back to prevent its sheer weight from crushing its lungs. When it's in the water, and for short stretches on land, it can stand the gaff, but not for too long.

This is the final word on the turtle—unless Rollie can catch the other one in the pond, and it turns out to be as heavy as the first, in which case the National Zoo would be delighted to have it transported on its back with its feet in the air.

Nesbitt Auxiliary Meets Friday At Library Annex

Shavertown Branch, Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary, met for a business meeting followed by a tea Friday afternoon at Back Mountain Memorial Library Annex. Mrs. Theodore Baker presided. Forty-two members were present.

It was voted to purchase a season ticket to the Wilkes-Barre Little Theatre performances for use of a nurse, following the lead of other branches on Nesbitt Auxiliary. Members will knit squares for an afghan.

Dallas Township Workers Listed

Red Feather Drive Begins In Area

Mrs. Paul Monahan and Mrs. Elmer Dennis, co-chairmen of Dallas Township Community Chest Drive, announce workers and their areas.

Mrs. Floyd Sanders will cover Pioneer Avenue; Mrs. Edward Mulligan, III, Overbrook Avenue; Mrs. Robert Dolbear, Overbrook; Mrs. George Bittenbender, Country Club Road; Mrs. Jack Williams, Mrs. William Cooper, Mrs. Herman Thomas, West Dallas.

Mrs. Stephen Tkach and Mrs. George Ward, Old Goss Manor; Mrs. Vern Groff, Church Street; Agnes Gregson, Shrine View; Mrs. Robert Trethaway, Idetown; Mrs. Sherry Nulton, Briar Crest Road; Mrs. Jack Barnes, Elmcrest; Mrs. Cora Finn, Center Hill Road; Mrs. Joseph Simpson, Midland Drive.

Mrs. Fred Houlihan, Tunkhannock Highway; Mrs. James Harris, Jr., Demunds Road; Mrs. Reese Finn, Jr., and Mrs. Harry Gebler, Alderson; Mrs. David Williams, Terrace Drive; Mrs. Paul Mulcey, Fernbrook.

Mrs. Paul Goddard, Center Hill Road; Mrs. Harry Schooley, Idetown; Mrs. George Montgomery and Mrs. William Morgan, New Goss Manor; Mrs. Daniel Meeker, Kunkle; Mrs. Elmer Dennis, Kunkle and Fernbrook; Mrs. Dana Crump, Yeager Avenue.

Three Will Get DeMolay Honor

Program To Be Held At Masonic Hall

DeMolay Legion of Honor degree will be conferred upon Rev. Howard Goeringer, George W. Kanarr and Atty. Theodore A. Evans on Saturday night, October 16.

The degree is the highest honor conferred by the Grand Council Order of DeMolay and will be presented at George M. Dallas Masonic Hall in connection with the degrees to be conferred upon a Back Mountain Class by Susquehanna Chapter Order of DeMolay.

Members of Susquehanna preceptor conferring the degrees are: R. Leroy Dourand, commander in the East; Fay Hopkins, commander in the West; Dr. Ralph W. Decker, commander in the South; Edward Steinhourer, marshal; Willard Horst, herald; F. Burdette Moore, standard bearer; Clarence Adams, Best Husband, Theodore Hinkle, Charles Houck, Charles Mannear, William A. Valentine and Dr. Herman Zeopke, preceptors.

Leo Brink Stationed With 9th In Germany

Pvt. Leo Brink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brink, Sweet Valley, is with the Ninth Infantry Division, stationed near Ulm, Germany, his second tour of overseas duty. From November, 1951, to December, 1952, he fought in Korea, engaging in three major battles. Upon return from Korea, he is instructed in Signal Corps School at Camp Gordon, Georgia, leaving for Germany the following September. He expects to be home sometime next Spring.

Dallas Ambulance Board

Dallas Ambulance Association Board will meet tonight at 8 in the Wilkes-Barre Building.

Half Dozen Real Chestnuts Lead To Hope Of Comeback For Trees

The half a dozen glossy brown chestnuts looked pretty small in William Compton's large hand. He rolled them around Tuesday morning at the Dallas Post, decanting them carefully onto a desk. Not like the times when he was a boy and went chestnutting, he said. In those days he used to strip off his windbreaker, mound up the chestnuts on it, tie the sleeves over the top, and lug home the bulging bundle.

But that was before the blight struck Pennsylvania along with the rest of the United States, and de-

prived the rising generation of the joy of clubbing the branches and stepping clear of the rain of chestnuts, roasting them on a shovel over a bonfire, or taking them home to eat raw or boil in salted water. The older they got the sweeter they became, until, hard and shriveled, they defied the sharpest tooth.

Mr. Compton found his half dozen chestnuts under a ten-foot sapling on Maplewood Heights while training his dog. There is a big stump nearby, probably the parent tree. He hopes this sapling has developed immunity.

Distinguished Daughter



GERTRUDE MARVIN WILLIAMS

Third Friend Of Post Is Honored

Gertrude Williams Given Gold Medal

With the selection of Mrs. John Howell Williams, Kingston, as one of the ten Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania honored at the Governor's Mansion in Harrisburg on Tuesday, a third staunch friend of the Dallas Post has been tapped for this honor.

Three years ago Miss Sophie O'Hara, also of Kingston, was selected. Two years ago Miss Frances Dorrance, Dallas, was named.

On Monday, Miss Dorrance and Mrs. Williams drove to Harrisburg together, to attend Tuesday's luncheon, the third of such occasions for both women. Mrs. Williams received the gold medal and award from Governor John L. Fine.

Students who have studied English or Journalism under Mrs. Williams at Wilkes, are delighted with her selection as a Distinguished Daughter. As one of them expressed it, "Mrs. Williams expected the best, so we produced the best we had in us."

Gertrude Marvin Williams, a graduate of Wellesley, spent a number of years as a reporter in New York. She taught at Wilkes College for ten years, serving as Dean of Women for two years. Last year she reduced her teaching to one course, Short Story Writing. She is the author of several books, outgrowth of time spent in India. She is a past state president of the American Association of University Women. A former member of the Department of Welfare in Harrisburg, she served as chairman of the Womens Division of Civilian Defense during World War II. She is a member of Grace Episcopal Church, and active in community affairs.

Hillside Places Well At Shows

Hillside Farms had three animals at the first Pennsylvania Black and White Show held at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg September 24. Their Bull Calf, Rag Apple Whirlhill Vulcan won fourth in its class. Hillside Burke Princess was third in a class of twenty-two two-year old heifers. Hillside Rosanne of Valley View placed sixth in a very outstanding class of Aged Cows.

At the close of the Black and White Show, Hillside Farms moved its animals to Bloomsburg Fair, where the bull calf again placed fourth. The two-year old placed third. The aged cow stood third in a large class of Holsteins.

Six young Milking Shorthorns in very keen competition stood: First, bull calf; first, Junior yearling heifer; second and fifth, senior yearling heifer; fifth and sixth, heifer calves; second, young herd; second, junior get of sire; and third, produce of dam.

Scalded Baby Will Be Badly Scarred

Sixteen-month-old Curtis Goodwin, Beaumont, will be badly scarred after his terrific scalding, but the scars will be on back and upper legs, not ordinarily visible. After twelve days at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital under drugs, he was allowed to come home on Tuesday. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Goodwin, will need to take him back to the hospital for necessary dressings for some time to come, but some of the bandages have already been removed and he is far more comfortable.

He was injured September 26, when he backed into a bucket of scalding water on the kitchen floor.

New Building For Dallas-Franklin Deemed Necessity

Finance And Building Committees Authorized To Consult Architect

Dallas-Franklin School Directors, feeling that there can be no further delay in providing much needed additional classroom space, directed their Finance and Building committees, at Tuesday night's meeting, to work with architect Robert Eyereman, to present costs and specifications for a new building at the next monthly meeting.

Two plans are to be considered. One to provide a shop, agriculture classroom and additional classroom, the other to provide shop, agriculture classroom and three additional classrooms.

Harry B. Schooley, Jr., acting president for the meeting, pointed out that this expansion plan does not conflict with possible jointure plans. He stated that it seems probable that a building program under a new jointure, will take considerable time to accomplish and that meanwhile the Dallas-Franklin board must meet its urgent problem of overcrowding right now. The proposed building, Schooley said, would be an aid to a future jointure rather than a drawback.

The site for the proposed building is directly north of the present building where there is presently a parking lot.

Raymond Kuhnert, supervising principal, reported that the recent patch test conducted by the Tuberculosis Society was administered to 600 pupils, a larger number than had ever submitted to the test before. This is part of a program which the TB Society has been trying to establish on a permanent basis for the last four or five years.

Other business before the board included granting a request for additional secretarial assistance in Mr. Kuhnert's office.

Also an appeal for extra pay for leading the band at the Bloomsburg Fair was denied Alfred Camp, music instructor, on the grounds that this does not constitute extra-curricular activity but is a part of the music instructor's regular job.

Borough Must Find New Dump

Cannot Renew Lease On Bunney Property

Fines amounting to \$67 for automobile law violations were turned over to Dallas Borough Council at its meeting Tuesday night.

Fifty-seven dollars of this amount was turned in by Burgess H. A. Smith and \$10 by Justice of the Peace Nelson Shaver.

Two building permits issued: one for \$6,300 to Marvin Carkhuff for a home on Huntsville and the other for \$5,000 to James Barton for a new home on Highland Avenue.

Bills for current expenses amounting to \$3,019.55 were paid.

Secretary James Beseker read a letter from Dallas Township Supervisors instructing the Borough not to renew its lease for the Bunney property at Fernbrook for dumping purposes. This will mean that a new dumping lot will have to be procured for the Borough.

Two new street lights will be erected shortly; one on Lehman Avenue and the other on upper Macell Avenue.

William Watchulonis, Elizabeth Street, took an hour to explain how Borough Council might remedy water shortages in certain sections of the Borough.

Supervisors Promise Abatement Of East Dallas Dump Conditions

Residents who have complained about the condition of Dallas Township dump are assured by supervisors that measures will be taken to correct the situation. For the past two weeks a persistent smouldering has been present, noxious fumes making it impossible for households close by to keep their windows and doors open during the unseasonable heat.

Mrs. Glenn Billings, owner of the property operated under lease by the Township, checked on the situation on Sunday, while on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Herbert Williams, Trucksville. Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Perrego and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Moore, former neighbors, reported that contrary to specifications, the dump was not kept covered and level, and that unsanitary conditions were breeding rats.

Fred Lamoreux, one of the Dallas

Hallowe'en Parade Date Is Announced

Annual Back Mountain Hallowe'en Parade will be held Thursday evening, October 28. Starting time will be 6:30. As in past years the event will be open to all children and school children in the Back Mountain area. Co-chairmen will be Henry Peterson and Francis Ambrose. The parade date has been set ahead because of the Women's Club Plantation Party on Saturday night, October 30.

State Store To Open Tomorrow

Warren Reed Will Be Local Manager

Pennsylvania State Liquor Control Board will open its 612th store in the Borough Building Saturday morning at 10.

Warren Reed, Dallas, and Francis Gabel, Wilkes-Barre, have been appointed manager and assistant manager. Both men have been with the Liquor Control System for the past fourteen years.

Mr. Reed has had assignments at S. Main Street Store, Wilkes-Barre, Kingston, White Haven and Nanticoke. Mr. Gabel has served at Kingston, Shickshinny and Durycia.

The local store is considered one of the most attractive in the North-eastern Pennsylvania area. It has larger display space than any other store in the county and it is one of three stores to have its display bins fluorescently lighted.

The store will be Number 4003. It will be open daily from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Dog-Show Entry Deadline Oct. 18

Kennel Club Marks Tenth Birthday

Back Mountain Kennel Club will celebrate its tenth birthday at the Ninth Annual Dog Show, scheduled for October 31 in the Kingston Armory.

An impressive trophy list has been prepared, 112 articles of leather, sterling silver, aluminum, and copper. Awards will be made to first four placings in the Junior Showmanship classes, and cash awards for the first four placings in obedience classes.

Entry blanks have already been sent out, with a deadline of October 18. Entries are expected from all over the United States and from Canada.

Judging starts at 10 a.m., to continue throughout the day. Dogs not needed for further judging may be excused at 3 p.m.

For further information, call Mrs. Thomas Robinson, secretary, Dallas 4-7021.

A dinner at the Dresden for members and guests is planned for October 29, for which reservations must be made by October 15 with Mrs. Charles Whittier, 78 N. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Stanley Henning In Buffalo Hospital

Stricken ill while shaving in his home, Stanley Henning, general foreman of the Bethlehem Steel Plant at Buffalo, N. Y., is a patient in Mercy Hospital, Buffalo. Mr. Henning is the son of Mrs. S. R. Henning of Harris Hill Road, Trucksville. His wife is the nature Betty Fink of Lehigh Street. Nature of the illness has not yet been determined.

Miscellaneous

Health in the schools is good, with no epidemics, and only one case of scarlet fever. Medical and dental examinations are going forward according to schedule.

Program for Fire Prevention Week was outlined, also for the current Community Chest Drive.

Tuition for kindergarten children living outside the school district was set at \$90 for the school year, payable by parents in nine installments. There are twelve such children.

Present were James Martin, Charles James, James Hutchison, D. T. Scott, Lewis LeGrand, Charles Mannear, John Wardell, L. L. Richardson, W. Frank Trimble, Atty. Mitchell Jenkins, Eleanor Jones.

Lemon Lilies Bloom

During the more than thirty years she has grown lemon lilies, Mrs. Ruth McCarty, Harris Hill Road, Trucksville, does not recall a season their having bloomed in October. This week she plucked several that were in bloom in her garden.

Congress Votes Milk Subsidy For Children

Will Reduce Cost To Pupils For Morning Snack

Mrs. Florence Hozempa, an experienced teacher, was voted a place on the substitute list, and Miss Lenora Warden, fifth grade teacher at Trucksville Elementary, granted a sabbatical leave of absence, at Monday night's Board meeting of Dallas Borough-Kingston Township schools.

Supervising principal James Martin reported that there were no emergency certificates among faculty personnel. Such certification, extending for a period of over a year, makes the school liable to penalty from Harrisburg.

W. Frank Trimble, high school principal, will attend the secondary school principals conference in Harrisburg November 1 and 2. Miss Esther Saxe will attend the PSEA convention in Bloomsburg.

Public schools of the area were not reimbursed for any part of the milk program last year, Congress not having voted funds for this purpose. Recent action of Congress insures a 15 million dollar program with 2 million allocated to Pennsylvania. The reimbursement per half pint bottle will be greater than in the past. Only whole milk is reimbursable.

Private and parochial schools drew reimbursement of 2 cents per half pint bottle last year, the money coming from the Department of Agriculture instead of Education.

Cost to students will be reduced to match reimbursement, as soon as the program goes into effect. Schools charge exactly what it costs to finance the program, realizing no profit, and such savings will be passed on to the children.

Surplus foods received by Westmoreland Cafeteria include cranberry sauce, green beans, and seventeen cases of butter.

Building and Grounds

D. T. Scott, Jr. speaking for the Building and Grounds Committee, reported that it would be impossible to move athletic field bleachers back the eight feet recommended at last month's meeting, without extensive excavation of a rock ledge. Four feet, he said, would be possible, at a cost of approximately \$292.

Board members agreed that if work were carried out now it would interfere with home games. With three yet to come, it seemed more practical to postpone the work until late spring, when bleachers might be extended along that side of the field to seat more spectators after present bleachers should be moved back. In this connection Mr. Trimble suggested that a fence around the entire field was the only insurance of substantial receipts from games.

The water situation at Westmoreland does not allow for complete use of some of the equipment in the Home-Making department. Rulison Evans, Trucksville Water Company, will be invited to make a personal inspection of the building to the end that a better supply may be procured.

Willard Garey has installed shutters over recently mounted exhaust fans, to eliminate draft in cold weather.

Mrs. Charles Eberle called the Board's attention to a swampy place, reported on several occasions heretofore, located behind the Shavertown elementary school. An investigation will be made. There is a reasonable suspicion that sewage and waste water may be responsible.

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