

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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Cats do have nine lives. Or ten or eleven, depending upon circumstances. Kittens can be drug around by the neck, gasping and strangling, their toes scuffing the ground, their tongues hanging out, and still come up smiling when the solicitous mother deposits them in their new nest. And the little Mama cat, though a novice at the job, knows all the answers.

The new little cat must have parted with at least eight of her allotted nine lives last week. She adopted the family at about the time of the Library Auction, insisting upon being the family pet. Bill, five years old and fond of cats, championed her cause, smuggling her into the house and feeding her from the cream jug. By the time Bill left after the auction, Binky was firmly established, and Pinky was feeling disgruntled, but accepting the situation. Pinky said he got here first, and was entitled to prior rights. Binky calmly went about her business of polishing off the cream, and said in effect, the heck with Tomcats, they're perfectly useless creatures.

But somewhere along the line, Binky's foot must have slipped, because the slight bulge which was diagnosed in its early stages as too much unaccustomed food, revealed itself in its true colors.

"That cat," announced Chuck in loud ringing tones, "is going to have kittens."

"It can't," we countered feebly, "it's too young."

Came the day when Binky disappeared. "Well, thank goodness, the problem is solved. She's gone back to her own home."

Three days later, in staggered a wraith of a cat, weaving from side to side with weakness, mewling feebly for something to eat.

Operation Kitten had not gone according to schedule. Two were located under the side steps, two more were goodness knows where. The complexion of the kittens kept changing. A maltese kitten died of malnourishment, and was replaced with another maltese kitten.

Those two kittens disappeared. The following mornings there were the kittens again, and the little Mama cat on the porch asking for milk. Fed lavishly, she picked up the kittens and transferred them to other quarters.

She couldn't make up her mind, but nature told her there was something amiss, and with the last remnant of her failing strength she dragged two kittens back again to their nest under the steps. Half an hour later the entire family was gone again. That night there was a terrific storm. Curtains for kittens, we told ourselves regretfully. Out in that storm they'd be drowned.

The following morning, here came the mama cat. No sign of the kittens. "She'll get over it," we soothed ourselves. "Kittens come and kittens go, and cats are philosophical about the whole thing."

Two days later there was a breathless phone call from the house.

Chuck said jubilantly, "You know those kittens? Well, there are two of them in the cellar window-well and their mother is taking care of them."

And there they are, nestled in dry leaves, Binky patty-pawing and purring, still staggering a bit, but coming out of her days of daze and suggesting that her kittens are the most beautiful in the world. There is one Maltese kitty and one tiger striped, but not the original pair. John, a naive child, suggested that she'd probably just had another set of kittens to replace the dead ones. It was explained to him that such is not the nature of cats, that it takes two months, but he remained unconvinced. "Why not?" he wanted to know.

P.S. They're gone again!

Marshall Enters Canadian Event

Plays In Alberta This Coming Week

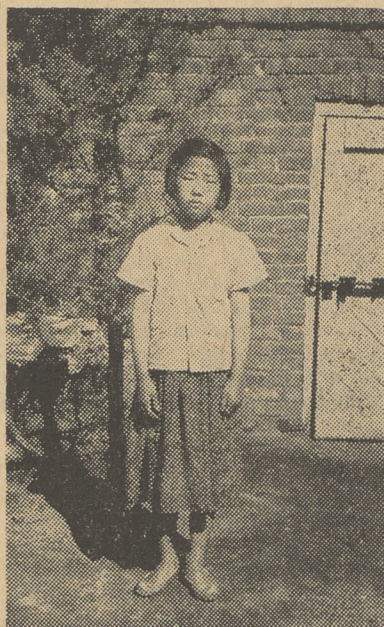
Ben Marshall, Irem Temple Country Club champion, will take a crack at the Canadian Amateur Golf title next week before leaving for service with the Army Air Force.

Ben just lost out in the Pennsylvania State Amateur semi-finals last Sunday falling by the wayside on the 19th hole at Johnstown after being five under par for five rounds in the tough State classic.

In company with his father, Dr. J. B. Marshall, Ben left Wednesday for Calgary, Alberta, to take part in the Canadian contests.

He is scheduled to report to the Army Air Force in Birmingham, Alabama, during August. He graduated from University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry last month.

Adopted By Club



KIM EUN SOON

Womans Club Adopts Child

Korean Girl Plans To Become Teacher

Kim Eun Soon, Korean child, shows in her stance and her expression that she has been through the horrors of war and of a refugee existence. A shy, quiet little girl of ten, she wants to become a teacher. The Dallas Senior Woman's Club, through an anonymous donor, has arranged to take Eun Soon as its foster-child, sending funds for her support and education. Mrs. Paul Kautz is club chairman of welfare.

Through International Headquarters of Foster-Parents' Plan For War Children, Eun's name was sent to Mrs. Harris Haycox, president of the Womans Club, and membership voted approval at the May meeting. The basic fee is \$180 per year, but the club will supplement this amount by sending packages of clothing, books, food, etc. Christmas bundles must be sent early, to guarantee arrival, and all such packages must go through headquarters. Checks for Christmas must be at hand by September 1.

Cash gifts, according to headquarters, are very valuable, as they permit cheer for the entire family of a foster-child instead of being localized on one recipient. Checks have the advantage of arriving on time while packages are frequently late, disappointing the child.

Eun Soon was born in Changtan. There is a married sister, and four brothers, the eldest serving in the ROK Army, the youngest seven years old. The mother is ill and unable to work. The father died after the return to Seoul from a Keumchun refugee location in 1952. The family lives with the married sister, whose husband, a laborer in a printing plant, struggles to support them all on a totally inadequate income.

"Buckskin And Velvet" Set For August 18, 19, 20 At Wyalusing

Dates for Wyalusing's outdoor historical drama, "Buckskin and Velvet," are set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 18, 19 and 20th, and last minute preparations are rapidly being completed. Work on the temporary amphitheater, its broad stage and equipment, is expected to be finished within the next two weeks at the Restoration site of French Azilum.

"Buckskin and Velvet" was originally planned as a pageant in the strictest sense of the word, but as the full strength of the story of French Azilum became more and more inspiring, scenes were added, more characters introduced, and a thread of continuity connected the years from 1793 to 1803 into a stirring dramatization.

Written by William W. Keeler and J. Richard Burnett, the script portrays the struggle of early French refugees from their Revolution to build a village in the rugged wilderness surrounding French Azilum, and gives a deep insight into the emotional, mental and spiritual character of those who settled there.

Seventeen thrilling scenes run the gamut of human emotions, and bring out the tremendous problems faced by the settlers and the cour-

Dallas-Franklin, Monroe, Vote On Triple Jointure

State, Counties, Approve Action Of School Boards

Dallas-Franklin and Monroe Township's school directors voted jointure this month, Monroe July 7, Dallas-Franklin at Tuesday night's board meeting. Members from school boards of all three school districts will meet Tuesday evening at Dallas-Franklin to settle details and vote upon the final agreement. If passed, pupils affected will attend Dallas-Franklin High School beginning in September.

The green light from Harrisburg was procured July 15, when supervising principals Raymond Kuhnert and William A. Austin, accompanied by Elmer Daley and C. W. Smith of the Monroe Township Board, drove to Harrisburg to clear the decks for action with Dr. J. K. Bowman, head of Consolidation and Transportation, Luzerne County Board gave permission July 19, contingent upon the three boards reaching an agreement.

Residents of Beaumont voted in favor of jointure at last summer's general election. Jointure has been in the wind for a long time, Monroe residents preferring to cast their lot with the Dallas area rather than accept the offer of Tunkhannock. Beaumont, like Noxen, is situated on the border of Wyoming County, but more closely allied culturally and physically with the Back Mountain than with Tunkhannock, and released by Wyoming County to join with Luzerne.

William A. Austin, supervising principal of Monroe Township explains that difficulties in effecting a jointure are practically non-existent, as the amount budgeted per pupil per year is approximately the same in both areas, about \$220. Sixteen of the forty-six senior high school students affected are already students at Dallas-Franklin on a tuition basis.

There is no present plan to send elementary students away from Beaumont. The junior high school will take over facilities formerly used by senior high school students, leaving more room for a growing population of elementary pupils. Sixth grade was moved away from the grade school building last year, with chances that fifth grade will soon follow.

Mr. Austin sees this first step in building the adjacent school districts together as a necessary preliminary to the inevitable senior high school which would draw its students from at least five school districts. It will relieve congestion at Beaumont, but increase population of students at Dallas-Franklin where the new four room and shop addition will be adequate to handle the enrollment for a time, but not permanently.

Approve New Black Top

Dallas Borough Council this week approved plans of the State Highway Department to resurface Route 115 through Dallas Borough from Devens Mill to a point near Richard Disque's Funeral Home on Memorial Highway.

The State plans to advertise for bids for resurfacing this summer all of the highway from Casper's Restaurant to Hillside.

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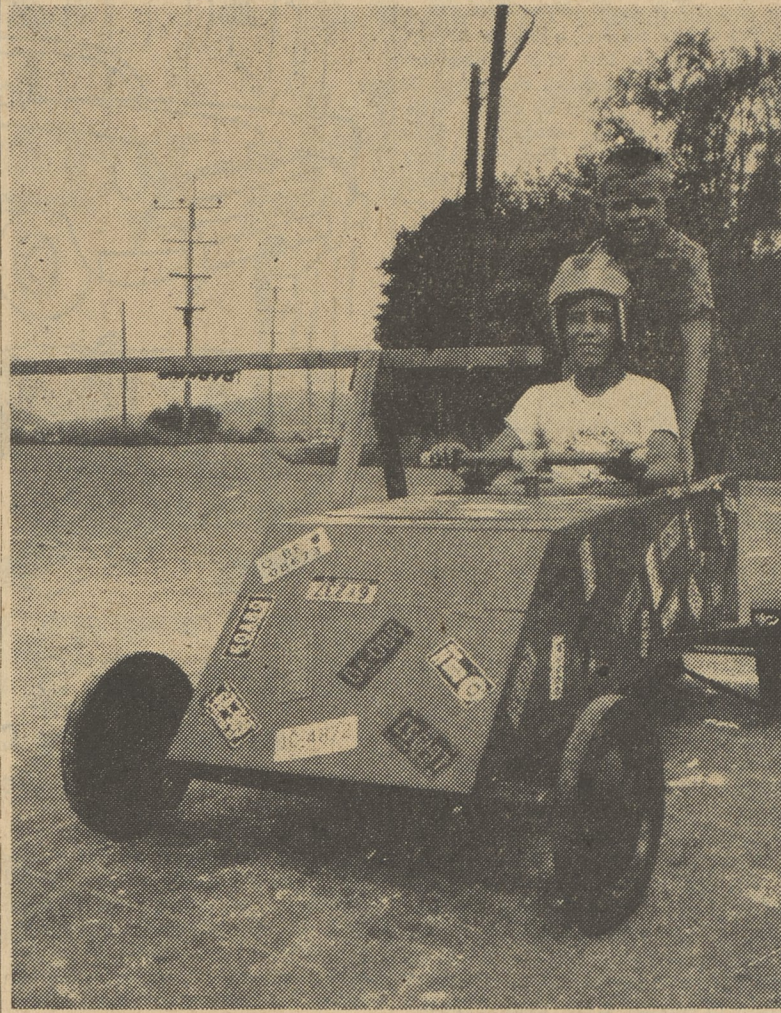
With the narrator setting the tone for these varying episodes, forty-two members of the cast fall into their character and actually seem to feel the presence of these famous French personalities, giving sincere meaning to their portrayals. Background music adds its own color to the scene.

Four dance groups will appear, and special songs are featured, with original lyrics written by William Keeler of Wyalusing. Choral singing, by the Wyalusing singers, tells its own part of the story.

Directed by J. Richard Burnett of Towanda, the cast has measured up to the challenge of presenting a moving, sincere dramatization of the ten historic years of the French Azilum colony showing a memorable picture of life as it was lived here one hundred and sixty years ago.

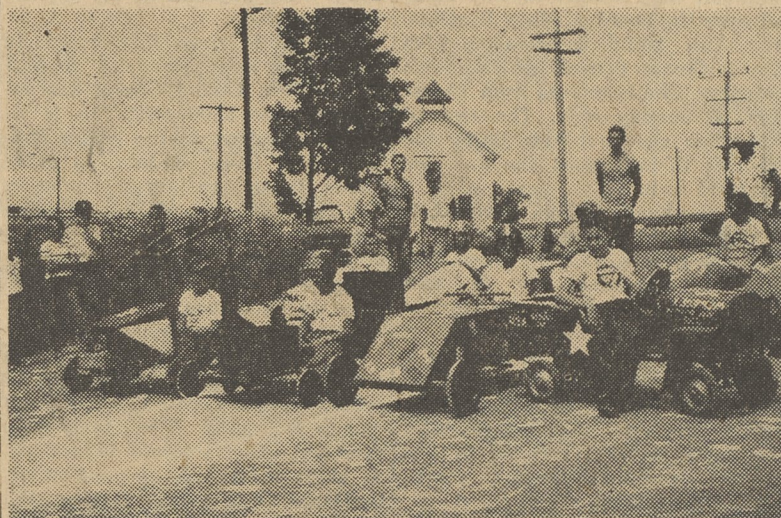
To reach the Restoration site where "Buckskin and Velvet" will be presented each of the three nights at 8:30 P.M., turn off from Route 6-309 at Wysox, Rummerville or Wyalusing, and from Route 220 at New Albany. Follow directional signs to French Azilum—over hard surfaced roads.

Bobby Graves' Winning Derby Entry



It takes a pile of Wheaties to obtain as many license plates as Bobby Graves has on the sides of his winning entry in Wednesday's Soap Box Derby. The plates, representing 48 states and a dozen foreign countries, were obtained by Bobby in exchange for Wheatie box tops. Wheaties may or may not have had something to do with his winning the stiff center Hill Road mile-course for the Back Mountain Y.M.C.A. team. John Topach was the winner for the North Branch team. This is the second season that Bobby, a resident of Shavertown, has won the Derby.

Contestants Line Up For Soap Box Derby



Here are some of the entries lined up before the start of the Soap Box Derby Wednesday afternoon on Center Hill Road. The Derby was sponsored by Back Mountain Y.M.C.A. Judges were: L. L. Richardson, Robert Hale and Chief of Police Russell Honeywell. Left to right, front row, with their cars: Richard Williams, Dallas; Stuart Stahl, Shavertown; Bobby Graves, Shavertown; Bruce Ercolina, Plains; second row: Thomas Dutt, Thomas Salek, Robert Matruh, Thomas Zurawski, North Branch Y.M.C.A.; back row: Jack Williams, Y director; William Strausser, flagman; James Edwards and John Toback, officials. At the side of the course are Mark Dymond, Dallas; Gerry Campbell, Shavertown; John Oliver, Kingston; and Daniel Werkheiser, Shavertown.

Sordoni Will Support Wood

Move May Close Ranks In Republican Party

Former State Senator Andrew J. Sordoni has pledged his support to his ex-political foe former State Senator T. Newell Wood in his campaign this fall for Luzerne County Commissioner.

Sordoni was quoted by the Associated Press in Washington as saying: "He's got the Republican nomination. We've had our differences, but we're all straightened out now."

Mr. Wood expressed pleasure at hearing Mr. Sordoni's comment which will go a long way toward healing any breach in the Republican party in Luzerne County.

Wood this spring led a successful primary fight against Governor John Fine's Republican organization which has the support of Sordoni.

Shrine At Williamsport

Uniformed Units of Irem Temple will participate in the parade at Williamsport on Saturday evening. They will leave the Mosque on North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre at 1 o'clock.

309 Resurfaced

Work of widening and resurfacing Route 309 is moving along smoothly with considerable distances between Dallas and the Wyoming County line already resurfaced with asphalt.

Closed On Saturdays

The office of The Dallas Post is closed all day Saturday during the summer months. Daily hours are 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Garbage Rates Are Going Up

Truckers To Provide New Dumping Place

Confronted with the need for immediate action because of the closing of Dallas Township's public dump on August 1, Back Mountain garbage collectors met this week at American Legion Home and made plans to seek some other place or means for garbage disposal.

They will meet again tonight at 8 at the Legion Home to discuss their findings.

Because of the longer hauls that will be required and additional costs for the disposal of their loads, it is certain that the costs of garbage disposal for all householders will be increased.

A spokesman for the truckers said: "It is too bad that none of the municipalities is able to solve this disposal problem, but since it is left up to private enterprise to find a way out, we're sure it will be handled efficiently and in a sanitary fashion."

Because of the longer hauls and in order to keep local highways clean, we ask all persons to tie their papers in bundles or place them in cardboard containers.

Damage At Sweet Valley

High winds early Sunday morning blew down several trees, flattened field crops and blew off barn roofs at Sweet Valley. They also destroyed a silo on the George Wesley farm.

Going To Key West

Tax Collector and Mrs. Louis Wilcox of Jackson Township will leave Monday for a vacation at Key West, Florida.

Bloomsburg Mills To Discontinue Operations Here; Plant To Be Sold

William Sword Says Industrial Fund Will Co-operate To Find New Tenant For Building

Power Boat Races At Lake On Sunday

Power Boat enthusiasts of six eastern states will compete Sunday afternoon at Harveys Lake in six classes and twelve events sanctioned by the American Power Boat Association. The races will start promptly at 2 from Russell Smith's hydroplane hangar. A local boy who has made an outstanding record among powerboat racers is Sherwood Wilson of Sutton Road, Trucksville. He is entered in Class D. Utility and Class O Hydroplane.

When orders on hand have been filled, possibly within two or three weeks, Fernbrook Park Plant of Bloomsburg Mills, Incorporated, will close and the building will be offered for sale, Jack Weber, president, announced yesterday from the firm's headquarters at 525 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

Higher wages, lower workloads and high electric power rates "do not allow us to compete with goods produced in the Southeastern states," Mr. Weber said in announcing that "in spite of having a modern plant and machinery we find it impossible to operate our Fernbrook plant at a profit."

Mr. Weber said he had hoped "these cost factors would gradually become equalized over a period of years but the opposite has taken place in Pennsylvania."

"The community has been so friendly and cooperative that at great sacrifice to ourselves we have been trying hard for several years to make a go of this enterprise but we are now compelled to state that we shall discontinue production after the orders now at the mill have been run out," Mr. Weber said. "We shall sell the machinery and offer the building for sale and we sincerely hope to be able to attract another industry to the area."

Mr. Weber said an electronics firm, reported to have found the local labor situation favorable, had been interested in acquiring the Fernbrook mill but nothing had been heard recently from the concern and he did not know whether the company had changed its mind.

The Fernbrook plant was erected in 1948 and at one time employed about 300, equally divided between men and women. It now has 175 workers finishing manufacture of fabrics. The building cost between \$1,250,000 and \$1,500,000. It is on an 18-acre plot, has 135,000 square feet of floor space on one floor and is air-conditioned.

Bloomsburg Mills, Incorporated, operates other mills at Bloomsburg and Lock Haven.

Now that Bloomsburg Mills, Inc. is about to close its plant at Fernbrook the Industrial Fund will try to find a new tenant if the building is made available at "a fair price, commensurate with its cost," William O. Sword, fund chairman, said, after hearing Mr. Weber's announcement.

Mr. Sword said he was sure the Industrial Fund would be able to put the building into use again as a source of local employment. He took issue with the comment on power rates. Both PP&L and Luzerne Gas & Electric rates are comparable with private company rates throughout the country. Mr. Sword said. "Private companies cannot compete with government subsidized TVA's," he added.

The Industrial Fund donated the land for the Fernbrook mill of Bloomsburg company, Mr. Sword stated. He regretted to see Bloomsburg go and clearly was hopeful that he would have the cooperation of its management in making the plant available.

He was pleased, he said, to see Mr. Weber's comment that labor relations were good at the mill and that he had had the cooperation of Charles Sobol, director of the textile division of AFL. Mr. Weber did not say as much for some of the people under Sobol.

Shaver Jailed Without Bail

Trucksville Man To Get Sanity Tests

Arthur Shaver, 23, Mt. Greenwood Road, Trucksville was committed to Luzerne County Jail without bail this week after a hearing before Justice William H. Roberts of Kingston.

Shaver was discharged from Nesbitt Hospital Tuesday morning. He had been a patient there since he was shot by a State Policeman during the early morning hours of July 11 while attempting to flee after entering Roberts Gasoline Station at Hillside.

Shaver was a recent patient at Retreat State Hospital and it is expected that District Attorney Louis G. Feldman will move quickly to have him given sanity tests.

Harveys Lake Dance

Annual dance for summer residents of Harveys Lake and their guests will be held at O'Connell's Twin Lakes under the auspices of Harveys Lake Protective Association on Wednesday night, August 10.

Safety Drive On At Lake

Traffic Violations Cut During July

Reckless driving and going through stop-signs at Harveys Lake, has been cut down materially since the drive against traffic violators started June 1, reports Chief Edgar Hughes. During June, ten arrests in cases of reckless driving were made, all carrying a fine of from \$10 to \$25 plus costs, and thirteen arrests for going through stop signs. During July, four reckless drivers paid fines, seven for ignoring stop signs.

But parking violations remain about the same, thirty-six in June, thirty-eight so far in July, due, Chief Hughes thinks, to the extreme hot weather which brought more bathers to the Lake.

Carl Swanson, supervisor, and Chief Hughes, warn motorists not to park with wheels on the pavement or bumpers protruding over it, thereby causing traffic hazard. There will be a special drive for safety this weekend, as the motorboat races will bring thousands of people to the Lake. Supervisors are backing the police department 100% in the drive for safety, and speed has been noticeably diminished on the nine-mile drive around the curving lake shore.

Frightened Pony Drags Joan Ann

In Hospital With Bad Brush Burns

Joan Ann Reese, 4, was thrown from a pony and dragged 500 feet Sunday afternoon at 3, when the pony took fright and bolted. Joan caught her foot in the stirrup and could not loosen it. Clad only in the briefest of sun-suits because of the scorching weather, she suffered extensive brush burns over most of her body, and her face was badly bruised. She was taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital where latest reports indicate she is more comfortable. There were no broken bones.

Joan Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reese of Fernbrook, was one of a group of children riding a gentle pony belonging to John Carey, using a dirt road branching from Demunds Road for their horsemanship. Joan was riding in front of Nancy Williams, 8. Nancy, with no stirrups to hold her, fell off, and the pony took fright. Nancy's father, Bob Williams, caught it, extricated Joan, and drove Joan and her mother to the hospital.

Hay Fire Doused By Tank-Sprayer

Quick Action Saves Moore's Wagon

Two young men going past with a tank-spray apparatus quenched a fire in a load of hay Monday night, before Shavertown and Dallas Fire Companies could reach the scene. Ray Moore's hay-load was ignited by a spark from the tractor which was pulling it at Ketchum's Corner. The hay was a total loss, the wagon bed charred.

Quick action on the part of Kenneth Conklin and Roy Thomas, of the Leon Emmanuel spraying service in turning the wagon over and dousing it with the spray, saved equipment from complete loss. The tractor was undamaged.

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company members, dismissed from a meeting after a short business session at the Borough Building, were on hand to take out the apparatus without delay at 8:30, when the siren sounded.