

Editorially Speaking:

NO SCORE—YET!

In the light of what they know and can surmise of the "summit" proceedings in Geneva, observers are generally agreed that the accomplishments of the west were zero—or maybe a little less. For one thing the Western acceptance of the effulgence and hospitality of the Russians and the general participation in the palsy-walsy good fellowship over the vodka and victuals could well be regarded by the hungry and heroic disciples of resistance and freedom behind the iron curtain as abandonment by their firmest friends.

But the score can not yet be tallied. The one brilliant stroke of the conference, President Eisenhower's challenge to the Russians remains unanswered. It is obvious that the masters of the Kremlin see no advantage in trading freedom of the skies and unlimited photo reconnaissance with us, or a swapping of military "blueprints". They would have little to gain, while we would be in position to unmask to the free world, the misery, the horror, the weakness as well as the strength of the fantastic Communist tyranny. And it is equally obvious that the Reds, who have been calling us "warmongers" would make themselves ridiculous by refusing the President's offer. They would rather kick it around till it gets lost.

At his first press conference after Geneva, this unanswered sixty-four dollar question came in, we thought, for less than its deserved attention. Asked if he would include atomic energy installations in his proposal for aerial reconnaissance, the President at first hedged, with respect both to atomic and industrial plants, but finally said: "I think that I would allow these planes, properly inspected, to fly over any particular area of either country that they wanted to . . ."

That there should have been any hesitancy in President Eisenhower's answer, and that he at first said that details "would have to be worked out", seems rather surprising if it is true that this diplomatic bomb had been discussed since last March, and since Admiral Radford, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and NATO's General Gruenther were summoned to a conference with the President the night before he made his offer in Geneva.

We have caught the Reds off-balance for the first time . . . and it would seem supremely desirable to keep them that way. To do so, we need only keep pressing for an answer to the Eisenhower challenge. If we get an answer we shall have won the Geneva world's series, whether the Kremlin says "Da" or "Nyet". If we are bluffed out of our answer, we shall have lost—again.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

By MRS. T. M. B. HECKE

Even if you are not particularly interested in history, you should see the historical outdoor pageant, "Buckskin and Velvet", scheduled for August 18, 19 and 20 at French Azylum, half way between Towanda and Wyalusing, in the great bend of the river where French nobles and their ladies dreamed of sheltering Marie Antoinette.

It is astonishing that restoration of one of the most colorful sites of early American history has not been attempted before. The very thought of the nobility, dressed in velvets and satins, parading slowly up and down the walks between the log houses, while puzzled Indians lurked in the surrounding hills, is something that intrigues the imagination.

The first log house has already been rebuilt, and plans laid for restoration of the entire original village, including the two-story log house designed for a primitive palace.

It is a colossal task. Members of French Azylum, Inc., hope to realize enough from the three-night pageant to swell their subscription fund of \$7,000, and make possible further strides in restoration. The site was purchased shortly after the society was formed last October.

Everything connected with the restoration and pageant is on a volunteer basis, but members know what unusual material they are handling, and they are bending every effort to live up to a priceless heritage.

It is a beautiful site, overlooked by frowning rocky heights which afford a spectacular view for many miles. Everybody in this area is well acquainted with Wyalusing Rocks and the heights beyond it toward Towanda. The drive up through Tunkhannock winds through some of the loveliest scenery in Pennsylvania, and it is short enough not to tire the smallest child.

Arrived at French Azylum, time rolls back, and visitors stand upon hallowed ground. The heroic French had cast their lot with the thirteen Colonies in their revolt against England. It was fitting that when their own bloody Revolution gathered momentum, they should turn to this country for sanctuary.

They were not willing to abandon their standards of living. Though surrounded by wilderness and faced by necessity for gaining a living, they remembered that they were of gentle birth, and never failed to don their best attire in the late afternoon, so that tradition might be maintained and the etiquette of a highly civilized nation carried out.

When repatriation was possible in the reign of Napoleon, the hard-bought territory was for the most part abandoned, and Nobles and their wives accepted amnesty and restoration of their properties in France. The mainspring of the project had been broken long before, when Marie Antoinette was stopped at Varennes in her flight from Paris,

and eventually guillotined for the crime of being a queen.

History has been painstakingly studied to make details authentic and the past live again. Choruses and dancers have been carefully trained to supplement the main speaking parts.

Lineal descendants of the Iroquois Indians perform a ceremonial dance. Wyalusing Jubilee Players rollick through a Yankee Hoe-down. Children from Towanda and Troy do a folk-dance. And La Grande Balle is presented by the cast of Buckskin and Velvet.

Braves in buckskin and Nobles in Velvet recreate a chapter from our early American heritage that should be of vital interest to everybody in this section of the State, for there are many descendants of those original refugees from France who embraced the new country and never returned to their native land.

Mrs. Helfrich Will Soon Return To Post Office

Mrs. Mabel Helfrich, Main Street, will resume her duties as custodian in Dallas Post-Office within a few weeks, according to Joseph Polacki, Postmaster. Mrs. Helfrich was injured last December when she fell from a stepladder at her home, suffering a compound fracture of the leg.

Mrs. Stanley Wroblewski, Center Hill Road, has been taking her place at the Post Office.

Andy Says If Finders Are Keepers, He'll Take Two-Year-Old Douglas

Andy Kozemchak, Overbrook Road, looked out of his kitchen door Tuesday afternoon just before 5 p.m. and found himself in possession of a cute little blonde boy he had never seen before, rolling over and over on the grass and kicking his heels in glee while a collie dog and a hound pup guarded their little master. Andy did what most people do, called the Dallas Post. Little Douglas Johnson, two years old, was a friendly child, but he either didn't know his name or had no vocabulary. Blonde and chubby, arrayed in green trunks, green socks and white shoes, Douglas was a picture without a title.

The Kozemchaks wracked their brains for neighbors who might have children of that age.

Senator Harold E. Flack Is Leading Fight Against Governor's Tax Bill

Senator Harold E. Flack of the Twentieth District is one of the leading opponents of Governor George Leader's Tax Bill.

In a statement issued early this week from his Goss Manor home Flack said:

The iniquitous pressures that were employed to force Governor Leader's inequitable tax bill through the lower house of the General Assembly will be of no avail when—and if—the measure reaches the Senate.

The Governor's assertion that he "expects two or three Republicans to be lined up" to vote for his tax bill is either wishful thinking or whistling in the dark. The Governor should know that he will be very fortunate if he can keep all of the Senators of his own party "in line" to support his tax measure.

And it would be right and proper for any Democratic Senator to vote against this bill in order to help Governor Leader live up to his 1954 campaign pledge that, if elected, there would be "no income tax, no sales tax and millions of dollars in savings through economies."

All Republican members of the Senate, in addition to several Democratic Senators, are opposed to the House bill because they know their constituents are thoroughly incensed at the prospect of it being enacted. I am convinced that there is an overwhelming sentiment against this bill among the farmers and working men and small business people of my district. For that reason I will join the solid bloc of Republicans—and probably a few Democrats—to vote against the Leader tax bill if it ever reaches the Senate.

Four Companies On Job At Fire

Marks Praises Fine Spirit of Cooperation

Stuart Marks, president of Lehman Volunteer Fire Company wishes to thank Daniel C. Roberts, Henry M. Laing and Shavertown Fire Companies for their splendid cooperation during the fire Saturday morning at the home of William Ide, Idetown.

He was especially appreciative of the work of Chief Thomas Garrity of Daniel Roberts Company and of Chief James Besecker of Dr. Henry M. Laing Company.

The Shavertown Company was delayed in reaching the scene because of incomplete instructions from the person who called them. "This proves once again," Marks said, "the importance of being specific when giving the location of a fire. Don't let excitement get the better of good judgment, give clear, specific instructions and check with the fire company before you hang up."

The quick response of all companies, Marks continued, made it possible to save the property from complete destruction. "The Back Mountain Fire Association has proved its worth once more."

"The speed with which all companies reached the area, and the larger number of firemen who turned out so early in the morning, should be sufficient proof to the residents of Oak Hill that their homes will be properly protected at all times," Marks said.

Chief Herbert Kemmerer estimated the damage to the Ide property at approximately \$4,000. The second story was gutted and flames ate their way through the roof.

The fire had a good start when Lehman Firemen were summoned around five o'clock, but they quickly got the fire under control and called other companies for assistance before their water ran low.

Shavertown, though late in arriving because of poor instructions, had two pieces of equipment on hand—one was its fine new pumper and the other its tanker loaded with 1,500 gallons of water.

Bob Volker Returns From Visiting Buddy's Mother

As has been their custom for a number of years, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Volker, Shavertown, spent a part of their summer vacation with Mrs. Bradford Seager on her farm in Michigan.

Bob was a comrade of Mrs. Seager's son Donald and was with him when he was killed in action during World War II.

Accompanying their parents on the trip were Bobby, Donald and David. They were amazed at the seven and eight foot stalks of corn they saw in southern Michigan which had apparently had more rain than Pennsylvania.

Reptiles Seek Lowland Water

Many Rattlers Killed Along Bowman's Creek

Prolonged drought has dried up mountain springs and streams throughout the Back Mountain region causing reptiles to leave their rocky ledges and dens and seek water in the lowlands.

During July, 123 rattlesnakes were killed within a seven mile radius of Noxen according to a record compiled by Alan "Torchy" Wilson of Noxen Inn.

The area over which most of the snakes have been found extends from Noxen to Evans Falls along the northern side of Bowman's Creek.

Occasionally rattlers have been reported on the southern side of the creek but this is a rarity. Rattlers have been killed in the past along the sunny cuts along the Lehigh Valley Railroad right of way between Noxen and Harveys Lake. A number this year have been killed on the southern bank of Bowman's near the Free Methodist Church below Lutes Corners along Route 309.

Mrs. Paul Coolbaugh who operates the Back Mountain Market in that vicinity says that at least 72 poisonous snakes have been killed nearby. All of them this year.

Rev. A. L. Payne, pastor of Bowman's Creek Free Methodist Church, is responsible for the statement that fifty have been dispatched between Lutes Corners and Coppermine Hill along Route 309. Some of his neighbors have killed several, among them Lawrence Dymond, 3; Floyd Dymond, two; Harry Bigelow, two; Raymond Blizard, two; Raymond Coolbaugh, one; Gresham Hoyt, one.

Most of those killed are large with a number of rattlers, indicating an age of at least five to six years.

On Tuesday evening Warren Unger, Trucksville, killed a large rattler at the cabin which he, Howard Isaacs, Willard John and James Oliver own above Stull.

Those who have a knowledge of rattlesnakes say that there is only one season when they will strike without warning, that is during "dog days" (August) when they are partially blinded while shedding their skin. It is then that they will strike out in any direction at any sound and without warning.

No snakes have been killed within the limits of Noxen village but a number have been killed on the lower hillsides above the Armour Leather Company plant.

Fred Schenk, Noxen Township constable, verifies the statement that some 74 rattlers have been killed in the vicinity since the dry weather started.

During summers when there is ample precipitation the snakes seldom leave the sunny mountain slopes and there have been summer seasons when no one reported killing or seeing a rattler.

So Little Demand, Druggists Seldom Carry Venom Kits

So Infrquent Is the Demand for Snake Bite Kits that most local druggists no longer carry them. Hall's Pharmacy in Shavertown, however, has them in stock.

The B & W Kit which sells for \$1.98 contains a blade for cutting across the wound; a tourniquet for stopping the flow of tainted blood to the heart; and a suction cup for removing the venom. The kits contain no serum but do contain completed printed instructions on how to apply First Aid for Snake Bite. Mr. Hall added that the demand for serum is so infrequent that it soon becomes outdated so that no local druggists handle it. It is, however, readily available for emergencies.

Drought Is Apt To Close Big Noxen Tannery

Insufficient Water In Bowman's Creek To Carry Off Wastes

Unless there are heavy rains within the next few days sufficient to swell streams, the big Armour Leather Company tannery at Noxen will be forced to close because of inability to get rid of its wastes.

The plant treats the wastes from its tanning processes in a filtering plant and then allows the effluent to run off into Bowman's Creek which in normal seasons is able to absorb them without damage to fish life.

In recent years the periods of low water have coincided with the tannery employees' vacations, so that layoffs have been held to a minimum.

This year, however, Bowman's Creek is at an all-time low, and the low period is several weeks ahead of previous years. If the plant closes, about 165 men will be thrown out of work.

No hides have been put to soak since July 11 and no more will be put to soak until there are heavy rains. Presently about 25 men have been laid off, and those remaining on duty are finishing off hides put to soak before July 11. It will probably be another two weeks before all of these are finished.

The fact that no hides are going in, means no hides will be coming out and the plant is therefore apt to be closed for a considerable length of time.

Within the past year the Armour Company has purchased land from Wilson Harding along Route 29 for the construction of a new waste treatment plant. It will permit the tannery to operate on a year-round schedule even during the periods of drought.

When this work will be started is not yet certain.

The tannery has ample supplies of the finest fresh mountain water for its tanning processes, but it is the absence of water in Bowman's Creek that forces its frequent summer layoffs.

Irem Best Ball Next Week End

Two Hundred Teams Expected To Enter

The biggest golfing event of the Irem season gets underway next Friday, with qualifying rounds starting for the Best-Ball-Of-Partners Invitational Tournament. It is estimated over 200 teams will be entered with players coming in from every golf club in this part of the state. Spectators will witness some of the areas top amateurs in action.

Dr. J. B. Marshall, tournament chairman, has the maintenance crews busily preparing for this weekend tournament. Quantities of water are being sprinkled on greens to keep them in top playing condition.

Qualifying rounds on Friday will be followed by match play, according to flights, on Saturday. On Sunday the winning teams will wind up the event with 36 hole matches.

Awards will be presented to winners in all flights following completion of play.

Entries should be mailed to William L. Evans, 49 Dana Street, Wilkes-Barre, chairman of the tournament committee, or contact made with Ray Gettle, club pro.

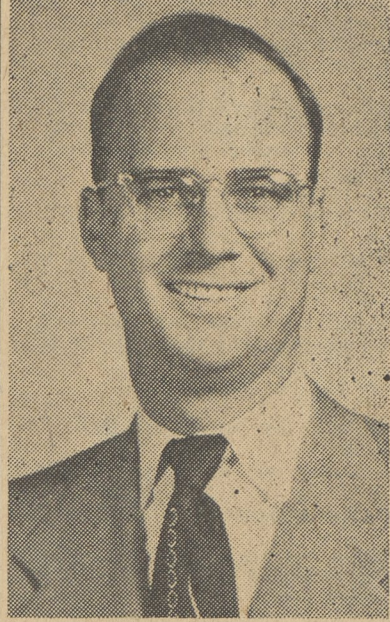
Value Shop Needs Space Or Club Must Discontinue Worthy Project

The Value Shop will have to fold up if somebody does not come to the rescue of the Dallas Womens Club within the next two weeks. Conducted on a volunteer basis, and spending its entire net revenue, on community service, the shop is not able to pay rent.

What is needed is a large room, or better still, two rooms, easily reached from the street. The shop is an outlet for good used clothing, and provides opportunity for mothers of families to outfit their children for a fraction of the cost. Children's clothing is soon outgrown, and the initial outlay is high.

The Value Shop gives mothers a chance to increase the wardrobe at a minimum. The shop has been gaining in popular appeal during its two and a half years of operation. Manned by club members, it caters to everybody, young and old. Members take pride in buying suits and dresses,

Wins Scholarship



ELMER WYANT

Elmer Wyant, former Noxen and Lake Township young man who is now instructor of science and assistant coach at Mount Union High School, Huntington County, is one of thirty men in the United States and Canada to receive a scholarship grant of \$250. from the National Science Foundation for study at Pennsylvania State University.

Wyant took his six-weeks courses toward his Master's Degree this summer in Pre-medical chemistry and Nuclear Physics.

"Purpose of the Institute for High School Science Teachers is to increase the supply of scientists for welfare, economy and defense of the nation by promoting the educational advancement of Junior and Senior High School teachers."

Wyant, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wyant, and a veteran of World War II, received his education at Bloomsburg State Teachers College. His wife is the former Polly Clossom of Bloomsburg. They have a son Tyrone, aged 2.

Three Area Girls Aspire To Crown

Rosemary Gildea In Semi-Finals

Three girls from the Back Mountain were in the line-up of candidates for the title of Queen Anthracite Wednesday evening at Public Square, Wilkes-Barre: Rosemary Gildea, Trucksville; Margaret Louise Belles, Noxen, and Marlene Cease, Hunlocks Creek.

Rosemary Gildea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bukeavitch, Trucksville, was one of three bathing beauties who survived the elimination contest and will contend with many others from various localities in the Anthracite region at Lakewood Park, August 18.

Rosemary, 19, is employed at Pomeroy's.

Margaret Louise Belles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Belles of Noxen, was the Lake-Noxen May Queen this year. She is the niece of Robert Belles, supervising principal.

Police To Inspect Busses On August 19

Pennsylvania State Police will inspect school busses Friday, August 19, at Dallas-Franklin High School between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M.

The Motor Vehicle Code provides that the owner of every vehicle which is to be used in the transportation of school children shall submit such vehicle to the State Police to determine whether it conforms to the provisions of the law.

wearing them to club meetings and exhibiting them. Revenue goes to the Library and to welfare work.

Outgrowing the small room at the rear of the Library Annex within a few months, the shop opened in the fall of 1953 on the second floor of Senator A. J. Sordoni's building on Church Street, above the Harveys Lake Electric Light Company. There was no charge for occupancy nor for light and heat, Mr. Sordoni absorbing this cost.

Now the space is needed for expansion, and the shop must move or be discontinued.

What is needed is for some far-sighted merchant to realize the value of good-will which he could engender in the community if he offered waste space for this worthwhile venture.

Who has a spot for the shop? It is open only on Fridays, one day a week.

Call The Dallas Post, or Mrs. Harris Haycox, club president.

Kindergarten To Expand To Three Rooms In Dallas

Bus Service To Be Offered To Distant Children

Opening of a third kindergarten room and employment of a third kindergarten teacher for the Dallas Borough-Kingston Township school jointure, was proposed by John Wardell, kindergarten chairman, at Monday night's meeting of the joint board. Study of Shavertown and Trucksville facilities, with an eye to locating kindergartens in those buildings, shows that those elementary schools need the extra space and would be cramped if the rooms were occupied by classes.

James Martin, supervising principal, in accepting the report, said that if twenty tuition pupils were accommodated, the plan could go through, and a second floor room converted from its present storage capacity to kindergarten use.

Mr. Wardell contacted Harrisburg to see if bus service for Borough children living at some distance could be provided, but was met with flat refusal to go along on reimbursement. Children from Kingston Township, however, would rate bus service and reimbursement would be forthcoming. The farthest a Borough child could conceivably walk would be 1.9 miles, and no children of kindergarten age live at this point.

Mr. Martin said that it was of vital importance that the benefits of kindergarten be denied to no child in the jointure. A number of children have been prevented heretofore from attending because of distance, and because the \$5 per month charged for bus service for each child made enrollment prohibitive in some cases.

Resignations
Theodore Laskowski, Trucksville sixth grade teacher, tendered his resignation.

Mrs. Louise McQuilkin, fifth grade teacher at Dallas Borough elementary who has moved to Philadelphia area, made her resignation official in writing, though she had apprised the Board of her intentions early last January.

Three duly elected faculty members have yet to sign their contracts before their connection can be deemed official.

Miss Jennie Hill, R.N. daughter of the late Bert Hill, Florist, will fill the position of full time school nurse.

Property Committee
Purchase of thirty-six desks from American Seating Company was authorized. The type selected by vote of the board after inspection of the five samples on display, was a plastic-topped model with adjustable sloping lid and attached chair mounted on a swivel. The height and relative position of desk and chair are adjustable, the construction sturdy. Cost per unit is \$29.80.

W. Frank Trimble, high school principal, was authorized to make the best possible deal on trading in fifteen out-dated typewriters and purchase of fifteen new ones for the commercial room. Bids were opened from Royal, Smith-Corona, Remington-Rand, and Underwood.

Carl Steele, Kingston, was the successful bidder for a two-coat paint job on the exterior of the kindergarten building, contracting for it for \$726, including porch floors and ceilings and all metal work. The amount allowed in the budget, \$2,000, will defray cost of a number of other necessary repairs, including replacement of an eighty-gallon hot water tank at Dallas Borough, and erection of a fence between the Trucksville Grade School and the Gregory property next door. Necessary grading there has already been done, to prepare the location.

Miscellaneous
Dr. Malcolm Borthwick was reappointed school doctor.

The regular increment for teachers, set by Harrisburg, was voted. Bills were ordered paid, and the treasurer's report read.

Harry Ohlman presented the case of the Senior Womens Club Value Shop, which must abandon its contribution to the community if it cannot find a location within the next few weeks. Speaking for the Womens Club, which has combed every possibility in the area, he asked if a room on the second floor of the kindergarten building could not be used on Fridays. The proposition was deemed not feasible because of an earlier decision to enlarge the kindergarten by use of the second floor.

Present were: D. T. Scott, president; Eleanor Jones, secretary; Lewis LeGrand, Dr. Robert Bodycomb, Charles Mannar, James Hutchison, William Clewell, John Wardell, L. R. Richardson, Harry Ohlman, James Martin, Charles James. Visitors were W. Frank Trimble and C. L. Myers, bus contractor.