

Editorially Speaking:

HOW TO AVOID SUDDEN DEATH

"How to Avoid Sudden Death" is the title of an article by Steven M. Spencer in the July 16th issue of the Saturday Evening Post. This, obviously, is a matter in which everyone has a direct and burning interest. Mr. Spencer's article deals with a simple and relatively inexpensive device which, according to some safety experts, could reduce the toll of death and injury on the highways by as much as 50 per cent—automobile safety belts. He writes, "No medical miracle short of a cure for heart disease or cancer could, in one swift stroke, save so many years of life." Last year motor vehicle accidents accounted for 36,300 deaths and 1,250,000 injuries, and the toll was somewhat higher in 1953.

The safety belt itself is not a new development by any means. Belts have been used in planes for more than 40 years. They have also been generally used in motor racing for a long period of time. More than 30 makes of belts are for sale. "But," Mr. Spencer says, "as something for the family hard-top they are a new and relatively unglamorous gadget. . . . To gain acceptance the seat belts must overcome widespread lack of information and some misinformation. Finally they must compete for the attention of car owners who are unusually more interested in horsepower and body styles than in safety devices."

In gathering data for his article, Mr. Spencer spent two months reading accident reports and talking to accident analysts. He cites a number of actual and typical cases where people using safety belts walked away from major accidents—the kind of accidents that, without the belts, would have inevitably resulted in death or, at best, serious injury. He also cites the opinions of police, scientists, and other authorities who have taken up the cause of the safety belt.

The American College of Surgeons—made up of men whose professional life is to a considerable extent spent in repairing the ghastly results of highway accidents—is a leader in this. It has called on automobile manufacturers to provide "passenger-stabilizing devices such as safety belts," along with certain other built-in safety features. That term "passenger-stabilizing" explains the belts' value. In thousands of accidents, to quote Mr. Spencer again, "little injury would result if the riders were held firmly in place so that they could decelerate WITH the car instead of AGAINST it or THROUGH it onto the pavement."

Two leading automobile manufacturers are now offering safety belts as dealer-installed optional equipment. As mentioned before, individual buyers can choose from many makes. It is extremely important that the belts be anchored to something absolutely solid, such as the frame of the car, not the seat—in a bad crash the seat itself may tear loose. Also, Mr. Spencer indicates, care should be taken that the belt chosen has sufficient strength, proper buckles, and other such features.

The seat belt is but one example of modern safety thinking and development as applied to automobiles. At the end of his article Mr. Spencer writes: "One automotive engineer has said the time has come to fix the points for safety equipment in the basic pattern of the car and design around them, as the industry now designs around the motor or radiator or drive shaft. Certainly nothing could be more basic than a solid preventive against the epidemic disease of our highways."

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

By MRS. T. M. B. HICKS

Beating Connie the hurricane back to Dallas Friday night took some doing. Along about noon the clouds had started to break away, and five grands and three visitors had applied pressure. We'd been discussing a possible trip to Lake Packanack. This was the time, they said. They'd all get their bathing suits and some extra towels and take along a picnic supper.

Leaving the picnic supper to Nonnie, they slung their bathing suits into the car and signified their readiness. Nonnie said the meal would be severely simple. There was a kettleful of lentil soup on the stove, and a fresh sheet of chocolate cake in the pantry. That menu, padded out by sandwiches, and something cold to drink, would be IT. No devilled eggs, no potato salad, no pickles. "What do you think I am," she muttered to herself as she buttered two loaves of bread, "Superman?"

The expedition got under way for New Jersey. A weak and watery sun peered through ragged clouds for a moment and retired from sight. Unfounded optimism suggested that in an hour or so there would be blue sky, and a nice swim in the lake at the other end of the line three hours later.

Famous last words. At Bear Creek it started to drizzle. On Effort Mountain the drizzle turned to a brisk downpour. At Stroudsburg it was sluicing down. At Hackettstown there was a cloudburst.

Somebody in the back announced conversationally that it was raining in the chocolate cake. "Get it out from under the leak, you dumbbunnies, if you want any dessert."

The station wagon proved to be no match for the rain. Somebody suggested boring holes in the bottom and installing a sink stopper. Packanack Lake drew up ahead. Also awash.

Muddy water swirled around the vacant stand where the life-guard sits on sunny days. The children resigned themselves.

Warren's front porch was damp and dark. A fire in the fireplace revived everybody's flagging spirits. Supper was a sketchy meal, inhaled on the run, seven children plus six children plus three children racing around the premises, five adults

getting from under as best they could.

Somebody turned on the radio. It blared: "Connie turning inland. Great damage expected in the interior from fallen trees and wires. Do not drive unless strictly necessary."

Necessary? It looked pretty necessary to get home ahead of Connie. Everybody shot out the door for the car. Elapsed time of visit, one hour and ten minutes. Travel time, four hours down, four hours back.

An anguished wail from the back seat: "Todd's sick. Stop the car, quick."

Lentil soup is odd looking in the kettle. It has been described as "That stuff that looks so horrible and tastes so good."

Second-hand, lentil soup beggars description.

Twenty minutes later, Todd stretched wanly on the seat and the rest of the children on cushions in the rear, the grim journey began again.

At Hackettstown there was a second cloudburst. At Stroudsburg the rain came in spiteful gusts. On Effort Mountain the car swayed under wind pressure. At Bear Creek the water was over the road.

Never have the lights of Wilkes-Barre looked so beautiful from East End Boulevard.

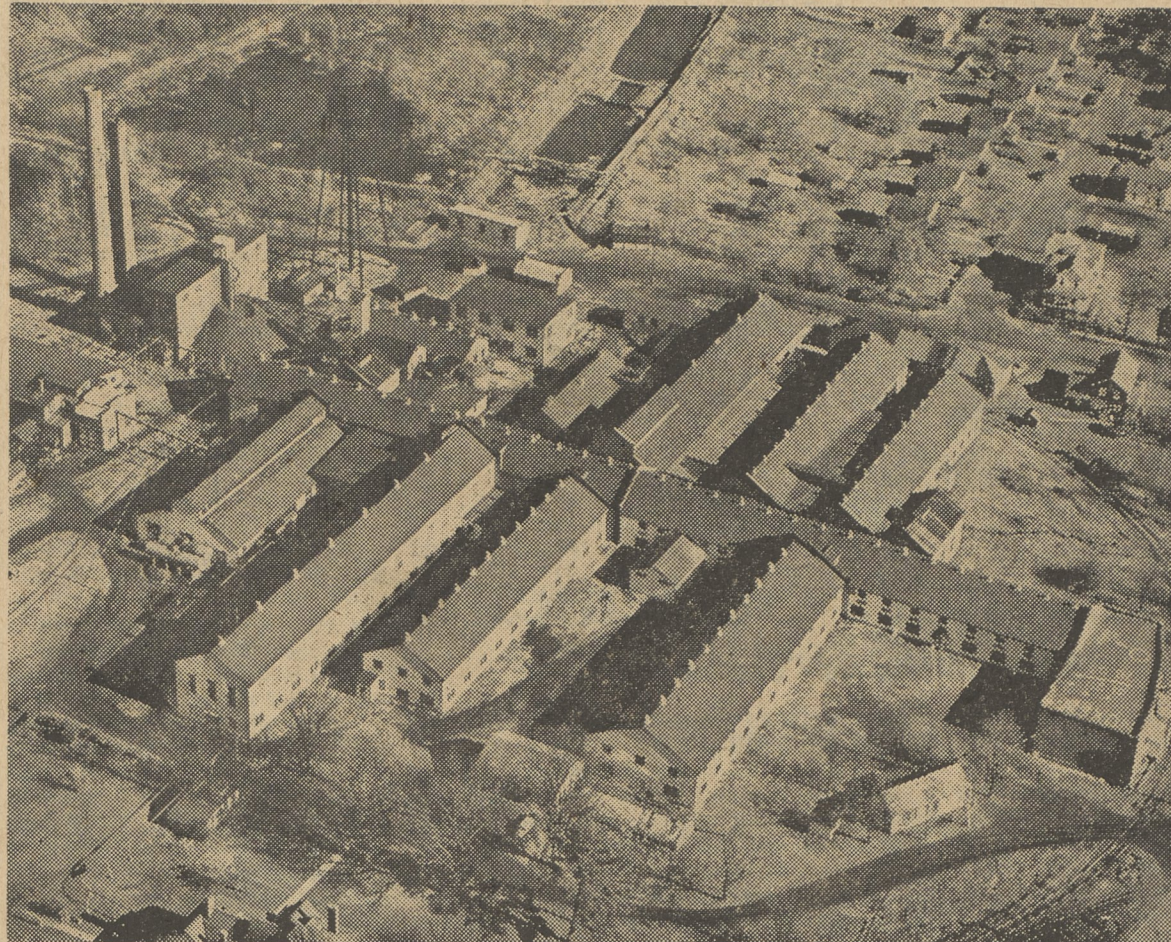
Home again at quarter to twelve, kids tipped into waiting beds, a hot bath in prospect.

The phone rang. The other end of the line said apologetically, "Just got to Wilkes-Barre in time to miss the last bus to Dallas. Could you meet me?"

Thoughts of the hot bath vanished. Enough gas to get to Wilkes-Barre? Maybe, always supposing there should be an all-night filling

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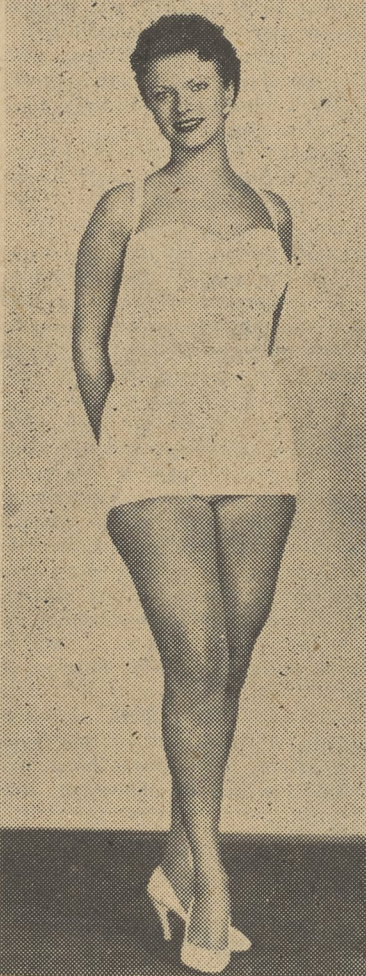
Welcome Rains Bring Full Employment



Following the heavy rains of last week, employees in the beam house of Armour Leather Company at Noxen were recalled to put hides to soak. The tannery has been operating on short time ever since severe drought reduced the flow of water in Bowman's Creek to an extent that the company could not operate its filtering plant. During the

dry period all employees took their annual vacations, but the drought continued to the point where it appeared likely that the entire plant would have to be closed down. The 550 hides which started the tanning process Friday were the first put to soak in a month.

Miss Anthracite?



ROSEMARY GILDEA
(Miss Dallas)

One of the semi-finalists, selected during the Anthracite's visit to Wilkes-Barre, Rosemary Gildea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bukeavich, Trucksville, competed in the final judging in the Queen Anthracite contest, Lakewood Park, Thursday evening. She was sponsored locally by Dallas Rotary.

The winner in the Lakewood contest will represent the Anthracite Information Bureau, touring major cities of the eastern seaboard in the cause of hard coal. The "Cavalcade of Beauty" which left Thursday was sponsored by the Anthracite Committee, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Gildea is employed at Pomero's Department Store.

New Directory Now In Mails

Not Expected Here Before This Monday

It is expected that Commonwealth Telephone Company's new telephone directory will be delivered in the Back Mountain region on Monday by first class mail.

John Landis, manager of the Dallas office, said yesterday that the directories were mailed Thursday from the Crawfordsville, Indiana, publication office and are expected here Monday at the earliest and Tuesday at the latest.

About 200 telephone numbers are changed in the new directory. These are likewise listed in the Wilkes-Barre directory which was distributed about ten days ago, but the new numbers will not be put into use until the new Dallas directory is in the hands of local subscribers.

Drop Cats And Dogs From Cars

Heavy Penalties Await Those Caught

Mrs. Charles Lipp asked her hired man Thursday morning to investigate a securely tied pasteboard box that has been standing in the rain in front of her barn in Dallas Township since Wednesday night.

When he did, he found that it contained a forlorn kitten, possibly left there by the same heartless people who dropped off three Beagle puppies in the Lipp's oak field.

These are just a few of the many homeless animals that have been dropped off in that vicinity this summer. There are two Collie dogs and three full grown hounds roaming the fields, Mrs. Lipp says. Some of them are too frightened to come near anyone for food.

Presently Mrs. Lipp is feeding twenty kittens that have found their way to the barn. Anyone can have a cat or a dog who will give it a good home.

There are severe penalties for abandonment of animals. Local police advise getting the license numbers of those who are seen to drop animals or garbage from cars. They will do the rest.

Three Groups Urge Action On Water

Representatives of two municipal bodies and Back Mountain Protective Association met Monday night at Dallas Borough Building to discuss methods by which they might cooperate to bring about a better supply of water in both Dallas Borough and Township.

Attending the session were members of Dallas Borough Council, Dallas Township Supervisors and interested citizens.

It was agreed that the Supervisors and Borough Council would both write letters to the Public Utility Commission asking it to require Dallas Water Company to increase the size of its lines in areas where there is sufficient supply of water but not adequate lines to distribute it to homes.

It was agreed the water problem in the Back Mountain area is one for the concern of everybody and that the groups will meet again for further continued action as soon as the PUC makes its report on its recent investigation of the local utility.

Firemen Rescue Collie From Pit

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company was called out early Monday morning to rescue a Collie dog that had fallen into the excavation for a new septic tank on Dr. Roger Owens property on Spring Street.

Apparently a part of the bank on the eight-foot round hole gave away during the night under the weight of the curious dog and plunged him into the 11-foot abyss.

Norti and Billy Berti, James Bessecker and Chief Russell Honeywell took part in the rescue operation. Putting down ladders, and tying a line around the animal, they hoisted him out none the worse for wear.

Whitesell Bros. Start Warehouse

Open New 40-Lot Oak Hill Section

Whitesell Brothers have laid the foundation for a new warehouse at their yards at the intersection of Route 115 and Memorial Highway.

Of concrete block construction it will be 50 by 100 feet. A truss roof will afford ample room for the storage of all types of building materials.

The firm has recently opened a new section of forty lots in its Oak Hill Development. The section includes Oak Drive where eight homes have been sold and Hilltop Drive where three have been sold.

There are presently sixty-two families living in Oak Hill. Three new homes are under construction and six others will start shortly.

Shows Motion Pictures

E. L. Evenson, assisted by Harry Smith and Dr. R. M. Bodycomb, showed motion pictures of mountain scenes and outdoor life at meeting of Dallas Rotary Club last night at Irem Country Club.

St. Paul's Plans To Add Thirteen New Class Rooms

Lutheran Expansion Includes Auditorium, Kitchen, Heating Plant

Plans for the expansion of St. Paul's Lutheran Church have been approved by the Building Committee and will be submitted to the Congregation for final acceptance following the eleven o'clock service a week from this Sunday morning.

Rev. Frederick Eidam said yesterday that the plans drawn by Robert Eyerman call for a complete reworking of the church plant. Beside increasing the capacity of the church auditorium, they provide for thirteen individual class rooms in the church school, and a church office. There will be a new and enlarged kitchen, expanded assembly room and a new smaller assembly room on the lower floor as well as a completely new hot water heating plant with baseboard radiation throughout the entire structure.

Members of the Building Committee hope to put the work out for bid shortly after the Congregation gives its final approval to the plans. They would like to have the work completed by Christmas but are not at all certain that it can be accomplished in that time.

The plans call for a 17-foot two-story addition to the rear of the present structure and beyond that a one-story addition. There will also be a two-story wing to the right of the new rear addition.

The two-story addition will provide room in the church auditorium for a new chancel and will increase the church seating capacity from 150 to 250. The organ will be relocated to provide room for junior and senior chancel choirs. On the lower floor will be an enlarged and completely modern kitchen for church functions.

The wing to the right of the two-story addition will provide room for a church office and five educational class rooms on the second floor and on the lower floor will house five more class rooms and the furnace room.

The seating capacity of the present assembly room on the lower floor will be increased and a second smaller assembly room and three classrooms will be provided for in a one-story addition at the far rear of the church basement.

There will be several new and larger exits to meet the requirements of State safety laws. St. Paul's has a membership of 300.

LaVelle Loses Brother

The sympathy of the community is with Joseph LaVelle, Dallas Post-Office employee, in the death of his brother John at Mountain Top last Sunday. He was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery on Wednesday.

Gets Big Turtle At Smith's Pond



Samuel Ashley, Dallas roofing contractor, lands a big turtle which he shot last Thursday at Smith's Pond (Meadow Lake). Rowing the boat is David Youlls, a neighbor. The other occupant of the boat is Pal, a terrier that has become devoted to Mr. Ashley ever since he was abandoned some weeks ago by a farmer who left him on the farm he sold to the State Authority in Jackson Township. The turtle weighed more than eighty pounds and is one of many of similar size still believed to be in the pond. The largest previously shot weighed forty pounds. It was taken by Frank Gosart.

Misericordia To Build Three New Buildings

Expansion Includes Music, Science And Social Facilities

College Misericordia, spurred by increased enrollment and consequent need for expansion, plans to erect three ultra-modern buildings at an approximate cost of \$500,000. This is the most important building program projected for the Back Mountain area this year.

Science Building, Music Building, and Club House, will face the Auditorium. Contracts for the new buildings, designed by architect Carl J. Schmitt of Wilkes-Barre, will be awarded shortly, and construction is expected to start late in September.

Completion will bring College Misericordia's physical plant to a point in advance of the educational installation trend in Pennsylvania. Plans call for lavish use of glass to provide the maximum of light, and curtain walls of colored porcelain with aluminum mullions to eliminate bulk and utilize every cubic inch of space to the best advantage.

The Home-Making department will have beautiful new quarters in the Science Building, third floor. There will be a food laboratory, sewing rooms, and an apartment consisting of living room, dining room, bedroom and bath.

Laboratories for general biology, bacteriology, genetics, experimental psychology, physics, organic and inorganic chemistry will be on the lower floors, along with offices, lecture rooms, and storage space.

Lighting, heating and ventilation will be of the latest design.

The Music Building will be a long one-story structure, hugging the ground, and will employ glass for the length of one side-wall. There will be a large hall for orchestra and choral recitals, four classrooms, five teaching studios, fifteen sound-proof practice rooms, space for instrument storage and repair, music and record libraries, and director's office. The entire building will be acoustically perfect. A two-way sound system will keep the director in touch with progress in practice rooms and studios, and high fidelity speakers will be installed in classrooms and recital hall.

The Club House, like the Music Building, will be a one-story structure following the same general lines.

Enrollment is on the increase in all departments, says Sister Mary Gonzago, president of College Misericordia. Present facilities have been strained to the uttermost, in spite of construction of a large building two years ago, and a group of student dormitories earlier. Expansion of the home-making department made necessary purchase of the large square residence on Lake Street several years ago. Rosary Hall is used for demonstration purposes.

There is a large enrollment of day-school pupils as well as boarding students, drawing from Back Mountain high schools and city parochial schools. Students in the senior year, working toward degrees in Education, are welcomed in local schools as student teachers, and in return, Misericordia annually offers scholarships on a competitive basis.

Bulldozer Kills LeRoy Shupp

Beaumont Native Buried Monday

Victim of a bulldozer accident, LeRoy Shupp was buried in Sunny-side Cemetery Monday afternoon, following services conducted from a Tioga Street funeral home by Rev. Victor Decker of LaGrange.

Mr. Shupp, 43, was caught beneath a bulldozer which he was helping to load onto a truck on his brother Josiah's farm Friday afternoon at LaGrange. The bulldozer toppled, fell from the truck, and pinned Mr. Shupp. He died five hours later at the Moses Taylor Hospital.

Mr. Shupp, resident of Tunkhannock, was a native of Beaumont, son of Mrs. Mary Luce Shupp and the late Nathan Shupp. His mother and a sister, Mrs. Eva Root, live in Noxen.

Other survivors are his widow, Helen, two sons, Roger, Tunkhannock, and Leland, Massachusetts; a daughter, Mrs. Shirley Davis, Scranton; two brothers, Josiah, LaGrange, Lawrence, Tunkhannock; another sister, Mrs. Jennie Burgess, Mesheppen.