

Editorially Speaking:

DO YOU SAFEGUARD YOUR BABY SITTER?

A young girl alone in the house at night needs protection. Maybe this is a reactionary point of view, considering the modern trend toward equalization of the sexes, and the casting off of age-old traditional shackles of conduct in the interests of the fuller life.

But biology is still the dominant note in the universe, and ugly things can happen. They can't happen to YOUR baby-sitter, or YOURS... but have a look at the papers. Almost any paper.

Think soberly about this thing.

If you employ a baby-sitter, you are responsible to her parents for her safety.

Have you a dog which is trained to guard the house?

A dog, growling at an intruder, will frighten away anybody who has no business on the premises. Dogs have an instinct which recognizes stealth, and their sensitive nostrils can detect the odor of fear.

Do you tell your baby sitter to keep the doors locked while you are away for a long evening?

Do you have a chain on the door so that she has protection when she opens it to a knock?

Nobody would want to frighten a young girl into abandoning her pin-money occupation of baby-sitting. It is a legitimate way of earning extra money. Most baby sitters never encounter anything ugly.

But there are a few common sense precautions which should be standard, and no mother should allow her daughter to baby-sit unless they are taken.

No matter how competent she may be, or how much in command of herself, she is not as strong physically as a man or an older boy.

Unless she is an Amazon, or trained in judo, she can be overpowered. If she has a tussle, it will leave a scar on her emotions for a long time to come, no matter how fortunate she may be in escaping unwanted attentions.

Roushey Garage Being Rebuilt

Explosion Cleans Out Interior

Reconstruction of the interior of Roushey's Garage in Trucksville was started by A. O. Yocum two days after the structure was gutted by fire August 6. An explosion of undetermined origin set the building ablaze at 2:15. The garage, property of Ella Roushey, was insured, but Mr. Casey of Wilkes-Barre, lessor since August 1, had no such protection.

Mr. Casey, his son, and a helper, were in the stock room when the explosion occurred.

Ralph Garris, Trucksville Fire Company, with four helpers, had the fire under control twenty minutes after arrival. Shavertown Fire Company was alerted, but asked to remain in Shavertown to handle possible fires in Kingston Township. Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company and Luzerne were called.

Former Auction Runner Injured

Mrs. Root's Nephew Run Over By Truck

A fourteen year old boy, for the past seven years runner for the Library Auction, is in a hip-length cast at Pittston Hospital, but expects to be on crutches and return to school after Labor Day.

Raymond Bechtold, Jr., of Harding, Mrs. Alfred Root's nephew, customarily spent the annual auction weekend with his aunt on Franklin Street. This year, because of the poor weather, and the absence of Alan Root on frequent trucking trips, he remained in Harding. It was the second Saturday of the auction, July 14, that he met with his accident.

Raymond, with several other boys, was playing behind a truck. The driver backed up and when the boys shouted, stopped with Raymond's hip pinned beneath the rear wheel. Picking up the injured boy, the driver started for Pittston Hospital with him, but was delayed by the traffic jam caused by motorists driving toward Bone Stadium to hear Oral Roberts. When a police car drew up alongside, sounding its siren for escort, Raymond knew at last he would get to the hospital, and passed out cold.

\$2 He'd Forgotten

46-Year Old Debt Repaid To Barber

The stranger handed Bert Angell, a former Rochester barber, \$2 the other day and said: "I think I owe you this."

The stranger was right. He'd borrowed the money from Angell 46 years ago in Rochester.

He paid it back in Gorham, where Angell, a native of Hopewell Center near Canandaigua, has operated a barber shop since 1911. The honest stranger turned out to be no stranger at all but Floyd Wells, another barber who worked with Angell in a South Avenue shop nearly a half-century ago.

The two men were learning their trade in a shop at 750 South Avenue, operated by William J. Nolan. "Floyd needed some money to get to his home near Rochester," Angell recalls. "I only had \$4 so I gave

Alfred Bronson Plans Addition

Funeral Home To Expand Facilities

Alfred Bronson, Sweet Valley funeral director, is expanding his facilities by addition of a new wing on the upper side of the present structure. The addition will provide two more large rooms. Facilities at present, says Mr. Bronson, are not adequate, even with the large floor space available. The new wing will give families a greater feeling of privacy, without conflict with other families who are receiving friends.

A new driveway will be constructed, and a side entrance similar to the present front entrance will give easy access from an expanded parking area.

Excavations have been made, and remodeling is expected to be finished within two months, with the wing ready for use in mid-November.

District Governor Coming

Corey Patton, District Governor, will make his first official visit to Dallas Rotary Club on September 6.

Curio For Telephone Museum



Raymond S. Perry, President, Federal Telephone and Radio Company, a division of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, (left), presenting a switch from the rotary system ever designed to Senator Andrew J. Sordani, Chairman of the Board, Commonwealth Telephone Company. This switch was used in a telephone exchange in Zurich, Switzerland from 1917 to 1953. It now becomes a valued part of Senator Sordani's famed "telephone museum." The presentation was made during simple ceremonies that hailed the relationship between Federal and the Commonwealth Telephone Company.

Triple Jointure Favors Uniting With Lake-Noxen

Hires Driver Trainer In Conjunction With Lake-Noxen District

Lehman, Jackson and Ross school districts, voting individually, placed themselves on record Tuesday night at the triple jointure meeting, as in favor of a further jointure with Lake-Noxen, if a suitable agreement can be worked out, and if each of the districts concerned can assume financial responsibility for its part of the load. The meeting lasted until 2 a. m. Decision was the outcome of hours of discussion pro and con, with the loss of state subsidy to the schools used as a club to deliver the finishing blow to the opposition.

Edgar Lashford, president, did an outstanding job of reconciling warring factions.

Further progress depends now upon action by Lake-Noxen, according to Lester Squier, supervising principal of Lehman-Jackson-Ross. Lake-Noxen voted in favor of such a jointure several weeks ago.

In cooperation with Lake-Noxen, Walter Buda, Jr., of Ross Township was employed as driver-trainer. Mr. Buda, son of the supervising principal of Swoyerville schools, replaces Michael Beky, last year's driver-trainer for Lake-Noxen, Lehman-Jackson-Ross, and Dallas-Franklin-Monroe Township.

To relieve crowded conditions in the sixth grade at Ross Elementary, and better balance the two grade sections in the main school at Lehman, eleven or twelve sixth grade pupils will be transported from Sweet Valley by bus.

Plans to connect a newly installed 1,000 gallon hot water tank with the home-making room, and trade in five used sewing machines for five new Singers, were authorized. In the commercial rooms, four new typewriters were purchased to replace worn machines.

Cold Sisco Cathode lights, guaranteed for two years against replacement of bulbs, are being installed in the two sixth grade rooms and the lower hall, installations of such lights in several other rooms and the main offices having proved eminently satisfactory.

With space at a premium, the music instruction office has been moved to a smaller room. Storage shelves have been built for housing supplies, and present plans look toward construction of work benches by shop students.

Twirlers On Parade For Summer Band Concert



Majorettes for the summer band concert at Westmoreland Wednesday evening are, reading left to right: First row: Barbara Brown, Nancy Post, Nancy Carol Love, and Diane Morgan. Second row: Dorothy Philco, Vicki Ditlow, Connie Sue Bogdon, Lillian Post, Barbara Krzewicki, Barbara Perrin, Maggie Sigfried, Pamela Commons, and Lauren Naperkowski. Third row: Christine Richell, Sandra Hoover, Joan Monte, Verna Miers, Lorraine Bednar, Harriet Sands, Celia Monka, Donna Richell, Rose Ellen Clayboe, Cindy Culver. Fourth: Lester R. Lewis, director; Sandra Hislop, Marjorie Stookey, Judy Anderson, Sandra Sprout, Barbara Raph. (Photo by Kozemchak)

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Summer Band Students Will Give Two Outdoor Concerts Next Week

Two concerts will be given next week by the summer band sponsored by Dallas Borough-Kingston Township Schools. The first will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 on the Westmoreland High School football field. The second Thursday evening at 7:00 on the Dallas Borough School playground.

Enrollment in the summer program up to date has been 147, including 72 twirlers and 75 instrumental students. Three age groups of twirlers will take part. One group is from kindergarten through third grade; one group from fourth to eighth grade; and one group of advanced high school twirlers. Leaders in each of these groups will be Gail Doughton, Sandra Hoover, Sharon DeRemer, Nancy Crocker, and Sandra Hislop.

The band of about 60 members has prepared a varied program of

marches, overtures, and popular numbers. There will be a selection by a group of fifth, sixth, and seventh graders: Robert Brown, Judy Williams, John Wardell, Kay Ide, Allen Cease, Allen Robertson, Jean Ide, Mary Bennett, and Donald Anderson. A novelty called "Just Because" will feature Richard Bodycomb playing his full set of drums. Betty Swetzer will play several selections on the accordion. A routine with fire batons will be given by Barbara Raph and Susan Williams.

Everyone of these students has been working very faithfully to make this program a success. Friday will be held as the rain date in case either of these programs should be rained out. This entire program has been under the direction of Lester R. Lewis, supervisor of music of the Dallas Borough-Kingston Township Schools.

Green Tomato Auctions Will Open Next Week

1,500 Acres Are Under Cultivation In Luzerne County

E. V. Chadwick, Luzerne County farm agent, this week announced the opening of Luzerne County's two green wrap tomato auctions.

Carverton Green Tomato Auction in Exeter Borough will begin on Thursday, August 23 and will open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the picking season. Sybertsville Green Tomato Auction in Conyngham Valley will start the day before on August 22 and will operate on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

This year approximately 1,500 acres of green wrap tomatoes will be grown in the county. According to Mr. Chadwick, the quality of the crop is very good. Farmers have been spraying continually during the growing season to control blight and are ready to harvest a clean, solid crop.

Many people in the county, other than the growers, are unfamiliar with the green wrap tomato business since it is unique to this area.

Since it was first discovered that soils and climate in the county were particularly adapted to growing the best mature green tomatoes, this has been the center for shippers who specialize in buying tomatoes green and sending them to distant points in the South where they are sold as "pinks" having colored en route.

In 1945 the Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Service, under the leadership of J. D. Hutchinson, county agent now retired, organized the Carverton Upland Tomato Growers Co-operative and also started the first green tomato auction in Exeter Borough. This was such a success that the following year a similar auction was set up in Sybertsville for growers in the Conyngham Valley area.

Luzerne County green wraps are advertised nationally now in vegetable marketing magazines and it is estimated that this crop now brings a quarter of a million dollars in business to the county each year.

Start Brush Clearing

Work on the grounds of the proposed Institution for Mental Delinquents at Chase will start Monday, preparatory to actual building. Land and brush clearing will be done on a sub-contract basis by a Pottsville firm, J. Robert Bazley, Inc.

Saturday Sale Brings Gross To \$17,191.97

Library Will Use Half Of Net For Operating Expense

Final barn clearance session of the tenth annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction closed just at dusk last Saturday evening with receipts of \$616.03 for the day.

A small crowd which never grew beyond 300 people at any one time attended to snap the bargains in household furniture and odds and ends offered by veteran auctioneer Harry L. Ohlman.

In spite of the small crowd and paucity of new goods, Ohlman was at his best and there was no lack of entertainment and humorous incidents throughout the sale. One came when the auctioneer knocked down a broad cloth cut away coat and a fur-lined overcoat to Dr. W. R. A. Boben who then bought a Davey Crockett hat to go with it.

Refreshments — soft drinks, ice cream and pizza were for sale by a small committee headed by Clara Ohlman and Sheldon Evans assisted by members of Dallas Woman's Club.

The final sale brought the gross receipts for all sessions of the Auction to \$17,084.10. Net receipts will exceed \$13,000 when all bills are paid. Of this amount about half will be used for current operating expenses of the library and the balance will be placed in an endowment fund.

Consumers To Protest Supply

To Meet Tonight At 8 In Shavertown School

Attorney James Brett will preside at a meeting of Goeringer Plot residents at Shavertown elementary school tonight at 8, called to discuss the water situation. Handbills were distributed announcing the meeting last week, when conditions became acute.

Eighty-two homes are affected by rust and air in the pipes, interruption of service, and racket.

Mrs. Stanley Wills drew up a petition May 24, gaining eighty signatures, and presented it to the

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Bauer Home Disappears



This stark chimney and pile of rubble is all that remains of the former Bauer home, Machell Avenue and Spring Street, which is being torn down by contractor John Parrish to make way for the new addition to Gate of Heaven School. Work of razing the building started a week ago Monday and was completed in eight days, twelve days ahead of schedule.

Board Deadlock Ties Hands Of Area Principal

All Members Want Kindergarten, But No Vote Is Cast

Lack of action on the part of Dallas Area School Board at Tuesday night's meeting resulted in the status quo on driver training and kindergarten, two fields where all twenty-five board members agreed completely.

Board authorization is necessary, said James Martin, supervising principal, but it wasn't forthcoming.

On Thursday, W. Frank Trimble, principal of Westmoreland, was instructed to go ahead with his own program for driver education, assigning George McCutcheon as instructor.

Kindergarten, unless emergency action is taken by special meeting, will once more be on a tuition basis for children outside the former Dallas Borough-Kingston Township schools. The entire directorate, says Mr. Martin, appears to be in favor of kindergarten "across the board," but until it votes authority, kindergarten will not be available for Dallas, Franklin, and Monroe Townships.

Boards Deadlocked

There were points of accord Tuesday night, with a few breaks in the two-three line up, but in the main, boards voted monotonously as individual units, with nothing compromised.

"Let's get on with a program for 2,400 school children," said Harry Ohlman, chairman.

Francis Ambrose asked what fields everybody could agree on. Kindergarten? Do we all want it? Yes, everybody wanted kindergarten.

Driver Training? Is there any reason why one man could not handle this program over the entire area. The directors saw no obstacle.

Books? Shouldn't they be uniform? Yes, that was already a matter of record at a meeting held at Westmoreland two months earlier.

But no action was taken.

Vote Lost For Title

The real obstacle was lack of a title for Raymond Kuhnert.

The title might have been passed with only token resistance except for an earlier action of Henry Hess, Franklin Township, in blocking acceptance of the report written by Frank Townend, chairman of the Finance Committee, and embodying the wishes of eight directors of the ten on the committee. Salary for Mr. Martin was passed without question, set at \$7,500. Salary for Mrs. Eleanor Jones, \$2,400 plus the \$600 allowed for services to the Dallas Area Board as secretary, was questioned, blocked by Monroe and by Mr. Hess. A final compromise figure of \$2,350 was passed, but the damage was done, and when the more important question of Mr. Kuhnert's status came up, it met with a wall of resistance from Dallas Borough and Kingston Township men, approved only by Lewis L. LeGrand, Dallas Borough, who on this issue disagreed with his board.

Mr. Ambrose stated the case for the triple jointure. Cooperation could be better attained, he said, if Mr. Kuhnert, whose administration had been satisfactory, could still guide the affairs of the three townships during the interim period.

The title, as a title, he agreed, meant nothing. It was the underlying sentiment which disturbed the fifteen directors concerned. If Mr. Kuhnert were given the status of Associate Supervising Principal, the directors would feel that they had a better spot in the sun.

Mr. Ambrose said he saw the need for a little giving here, giving there, to ease the situation. The entire mass of material, he said, was proving indigestible on such short order. The triple board felt that costs were going to skyrocket if too much overall supervision should be attempted at once, though realizing the necessity for one supervising principal.

"In that case," said Mr. Ohlman, "give the principal the tools he needs, and untie his hands. School is about to open and nothing has been accomplished."

Again speaking for his three boards, Mr. Ambrose said that if the two former jointures could work out a more palatable interim menu, it would be swallowed more gracefully by their group. Mr. Kuhnert, he said, had status which should be recognized.

The entire discussion came to an impasse. A vote to give Mr. Kuhnert the title was lost, three boards in favor, two against.

The meeting broke up shortly before 1 a.m. with most of the agenda left without action. No calendar was adopted, though supervising principals all over the Back Mountain agreed on a calendar last spring.