

# Wyalusing Pageant, Aug. 30, Will Dramatize Camptown Races

The massacre of a pioneer woman killed by Indians near Wyalusing in 1782 will be dramatized in the historical pageant, "THIS IS OUR VALLEY" to be presented on the evenings of August 30 and 31 at 9 at Wyalusing Amphitheatre in observance of the town's 205th anniversary celebration. This particular episode is one of many in the town's colorful history being presented by the people of the town in an original outdoor drama created especially for this event.

The story is a tradition with the people of Wyalusing Valley and tells of the Roswell Franklin family, pioneers who lived near Forty Fort.

One day in early Spring when Mr. Franklin was planting corn, he discovered that he was short of seed which necessitated a trip to the Fort to get more. He warned his wife Alice and his three children to keep a sharp eye out for Indians who had been tormenting the Franklins in recent weeks by burning their woodlands and driving off their stock.

**Indians Capture Family**

Soon after his departure, Indians crept close to the Franklin house and were soon upon the small defenseless group. Mrs. Franklin, knowing that resistance was futile, gave in to her captors in order to protect her children, a boy of eight, a girl of eleven, and a baby, 19 months old.

Franklin returned home soon after the kidnapping. He immediately returned to the Fort and organized a search party under the command of Sgt. Baldwin. Whereas the Indians followed the course of the Susquehanna River northward, the soldiers and Franklin cut over the mountains at Meshoppen and outdistanced the savages. At a point now known as Lime Hill, about 3 miles north of Wyalusing, and 50 miles north of their home, the Baldwin party set up a barricade of brush and logs behind which they were to fight for their lives.

They waited for many hours and finally the Indians and their small party of victims arrived on the scene. Mrs. Franklin and her children were walking well ahead of their captors when the first shot was fired. They immediately fell to the ground to protect themselves as they lay between the two firing lines. Mrs. Franklin, anxious to know if her husband was in the search party, raised herself to observe.

In so doing, she caught a fatal shot from one of the Indian guns. The children, frightened beyond words, arose and ran wildly. Fortunately, they ran in the direction of their father who saved them; all but the youngest, the baby, who was picked up by one of the Indians and never seen again. The half-starved children returned to their home near Wilkes-Barre where they lived in peace. Mrs. Franklin was buried on Lime Hill which today is marked by a monument in observance of her valiant stand against her children's abductors.

**Barnyard Notes**

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capabilities — and so progressed through all the chairs. It was the same in Caldwell Consistory and in the Shrine where he became Potentate. He was no ordinary Potentate, wearing an empty honor. He gave his time and his life to the job, and his worth to the order and to his community was attested when he was honored with the thirty-third degree—the highest Masonry has to offer!

Twice as county chairman he guided Cancer Campaigns to their goals. To the Red Cross, Community Chest, Heart Fund, Wyoming Valley Hospital—to all worthy causes—he lent his enthusiasm and his sound common sense.

This lavish gift of time and energy to his fellows takes on added significance when it is recalled that for many years of his later life he was afflicted with a chronic asthmatic condition that frequently kept him sitting up nights, that delayed the beginning of his day, and that would have floored men of lesser stamina.

There are many in all walks of life who will attest that when the chips were down and they had nowhere to turn, he was the staunchest of their friends!

Harry Ohlman came up the hard way. Any honors he ever received, he earned. If he had chosen to direct his talents and energies toward amassing a fortune or achieving social position, he would have attained both. He chose rather to give his life to his family and his fellowmen, and at his death, at fifty-three, there were only three things left undone.

He would have liked to see his son Lee through Lafayette; he would have been proud to see a union school district and the completion of a fine new high school for all the kids of the Dallas area; and he would have liked to have completed building one of the finest insurance agencies in Luzerne County. But with that done, he would have looked for other jobs. He was that kind of man. Other than that, I know he was ready for the challenge of the great unknown!

And if I ever get to where I think he is—I know the gates will swing open easier because he's gone ahead and has talked things over with St. Peter. He was that kind of friend!

# Seventh Casterline Reunion Held At William Casterline's

Seventh annual reunion of the George and Tillie Wagner Casterline family was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Casterline, Harveys Lake, on July 28. A baked ham dinner was served.

Plans were made to retain the officers of the previous year: president, Claude Lapp Jr. of Silver Springs, Md.; secretary, Mrs. William Hayes Jr., Baltimore; treasurer, Jenice Van Campen, Rahway, N. J. Games were in charge of Cassie Lapp, Bethesda, Md. and Judy Van Campen of Rahway, N. J.

Two marriages, that of Barbara Malkemes, Shavertown and William Hayes Jr., Hampton, Va., and that of James Casterline, Harveys Lake, and Clara Patton, Noxen, were announced. Also the engagement of Jeanne Casterline to James Barrall, and Janice VanCampen to Steven Timari.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Emil Skusa, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stober, Otto Wagner, Sylvia Wagner, Reading Mr. and Mrs. Albert London and Janice and Judy, Rahway; Steven Timari, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Malkemes, Charles and Jimmy, Shavertown; Mr. and Mrs. William Schoch, Cathy and Billy, Chenango Bridge, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. James Casterline, Doris, Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. William Casterline, Jeanne, Billy, Mrs. Willard Crispell, Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Casterline, Mary Lou, George, Joanne, Cindy, Mr. and Mrs. George Casterline, John VanCampen, John Jr., Harveys Lake; James Barrall, Chase; Charles Reese, Luzerne; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lapp Sr., Cassie, John, Tommy and Theresa, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood McKenna, Joan, Bethesda, Md.

# Mrs. N. J. Cave Taken By Death

**Was Widow Of Former Borough Councilman**

Death came mercifully Thursday morning at 6:30 to Mrs. Mary T. Cave, widow of the late Nicholas J. Cave, at her home on Huntsville Road, Dallas.

Ill for the past five years, Mrs. Cave had been almost constantly under the care of a nurse, although for the past several days she had been much better than usual.

Born in Everale, Luzerne County, on July 25, 1881, she lived most of her life in Wilkes-Barre, moving with her husband to the Back Mountain area some twenty years ago.

In her earlier days she was active in Irem Temple Auxiliary, Eastern Star No. 90, and Knights Templar Auxiliary.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon from the home with services in charge of Rev. William McClelland of Prince of Peace Church. Interment will be in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery.

She leaves four children, all prominent in Back Mountain community life. They are Grace T. J. Sheldon, G. Wesley and Mrs. John F. Sheehan. There are also six grandchildren; Jack and Jane Cave, Idetown; G. Wesley Jr., and Vera Beth Cave, Dallas; John F. Jr., and Lynn A. Sheehan, Dallas.

# Once Owned Store In Sweet Valley

Mrs. Marion F. Wolfe, 53, Muhlenburg, died last Friday night at General Hospital where she had been admitted on Tuesday. She was buried from the Bronson Funeral Home August 13. Services were conducted by Rev. William Price, pastor of Huntington Mills Methodist Church, followed by interment in Reyburn Cemetery.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, she retained membership in Wyoming Avenue Christian Church. She and her husband Joseph, upon moving to the Back Mountain area, for a number of years owned and operated the grocery store in Sweet Valley later purchased by George Bronson.

She is survived by her husband; her mother, Mrs. J. W. Gingell, Forty Fort, and eight children.

# Mrs. Myrtle Kunkle Buried At Orcutt

Mrs. Myrtle Kunkle, Evans Falls, was buried Tuesday afternoon in Orcutt Cemetery. Services were conducted from the Nulton Funeral Home by Rev. Wesley Crompton, Evans Falls Methodist Church.

Mrs. Kunkle, 71, died early Saturday night at the home of her daughter Mrs. Joseph Kaman, Tunkhannock RD 5, with whom she had made her home.

A native of Meadow Run, she was the daughter of the late Jacob and Sarah Beahm Seipier.

There is a son, Lloyd, Evans Falls; a stepson, Harry Kunkle, Towanda; one grandchild; a sister, Mrs. Beulah Stout, and three brothers, Stephen, Howard and Claude, all of Beaufort.

# Loyalville Ladies Aid Reverts To Tradition

Loyalville WSCS will again be known as Loyalville Ladies Aid, according to action taken at Tuesday night's wienie roast at the home of the president, Mrs. Walter Wesley, Sr. The name of Ladies Aid is so thoroughly entrenched in the hearts of the women of Loyalville Methodist Church, that many strong adherents felt ill at ease with the new name, and lost a certain amount of interest in an organization which had a national complexion.

Ladies Aid retained its name against considerable pressure until three years ago, when the new name WSCS went into effect. Re-orientation of the familiar name is a return to long established tradition.

The Ladies Aid plans an auction September 11 in the Loyalville Church Hall. Refreshments will be on sale during and after the action, which starts at 7 p. m.

# SAFETY VALVE

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pany wants to—because there are, unfortunately, people who are afraid to say no for fear of reprisal and hence will always give permission. From July on, along all our roads, beautiful roads in our Back Mountain Area, we are forced to look at what really is a manmade eyesore.

As you recall, recently the Times-Leader ran a letter about the sorry appearance of the roadside leading from West Wyoming and also Carverton Road in Kingston Township. These situations are really not attractive, but in most cases it is the best that the people living there have been able to do for themselves.

But the destructive method used by the Commonwealth Telephone Company to keep foliage down is absolutely the most inconsiderate action I have ever seen and I have not been able to find a duplicate of such action in my life.

I think this letter should be published for the sake of the beauty and attractiveness of our good place to live—namely the Back Mountain Area, in fact all over the Wyoming Valley.

I have been here only two years and I hope that I am not the only person who objects to such inconsiderate methods.

The foliage on surrounding trees is now turning prematurely (those bordering those that were sprayed) not to mention the birds and other wild life that died as a result of this spraying.

Thank you and I do hope that we'll never again have burned out brown lining our county roads from mid-July to winter.

Sincerely,  
DUDLEY R. WEISS  
Pine Valley  
Carverton Rd., R. D. 3  
Wyoming, Pa.

# HARD WORKING PETUNIAS

Dear Editor:

I am beginning to agree with the Dallas Post that we will have to look elsewhere than to our elected officials for leadership.

I was amazed that the open cesspool—called Toby's Creek—received such lighthearted consideration from Dallas Borough Council at its last meeting.

And, why should Tom Kingston, to quote you, have "brought a laugh" when he presented a serious problem for the consideration of these august gentlemen? Do they ever give a serious thought to anything that might better the town?

Those petunias that have received so much "favorable comment" will have to bloom overtime to drown out the stench of the creek.

J. M.

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**Camptown Races**

The Franklin sequence is but one of many episodes telling of Wyalusing's magnificent history in "THIS IS OUR VALLEY". Other episodes deal with Etenne d'Brule, accredited with being the first white man to explore the Susquehanna River Valley and later, the discoverer of Michigan; a sequence dealing with the "Camptown Races", Stephen Foster's famous folk song created about the races formerly run in Camptown, near Wyalusing while the composer was living with his brother at Towanda.

Another episode will deal with the colony established near Wyalusing by refugees of the French Revolution where a home was built for the ill-fated Queen Marie Antoinette who was beheaded before she could escape from France.

Still another episode will tell the story of the Moravian Church missionaries who established a mission in Wyalusing Valley in the 1700's for the Indian population. Other acts will include antique automobiles, fire fighting equipment used in fighting a real fire and a spec-

**Richard Oliver Heads Dallas Methodist Choir**

Dick Oliver was elected president of Dallas Methodist Choir at a special meeting held August 5. Mrs. Don Williams will be vice president, Mrs. Lewis Reese secretary, and Mrs. Alvin L. Shaffer treasurer and corresponding secretary.

A covered dish supper to which husbands and wives of choir members are invited, will be held Thursday at 6:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zel Garinger on Lake Street.

# OBITUARY

## Otis Allen Rood Once Principal At Shavertown

**Began Career When One-Room Schools Taught The Three R's**

Otis Allen Rood, 81, a former principal of Shavertown and Trucks-ville Grade Schools, died at his home in Pikes Creek Thursday morning. Funeral services were conducted from the Bronson Funeral Home on Monday, with burial in the family plot at Maple Grove Cemetery. Rev. Charles H. Frick, of Huntsville Christian Church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Paul Clemow. Bearers were Gordon Wolverton, Cletus Holcomb, Jr., John Austin, Warren Boston, William LaBar, and Clifford Stroud.

Mr. Rood, failing steadily in health for several months, died of heart failure.

With the passing of Mr. Rood, another chapter of early history in the Back Mountain is closed. There is nobody in his branch of the family to carry on the name, though there are many collateral lines.

His forebears came to Huntington Mills from Canaan, Conn. shortly after the Revolution. His great-grandfather was Ira Rood, great-grandmother Esther Monroe, daughter of Nathan Monroe, a Scottish baron. He was the son of the late Ira and Mary Ann Callender Rood, of Bloomington. In 1918 he moved to Pikes Creek, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Fire and drum corps were common in the decades following the Civil War. He belonged first to the Bloomington organization, later to the corps at Pikes Creek.

Educated in the public schools, he attended high school at Huntington Mills, then took special work at Pleasant Hill Academy to prepare for the County Superintendent's examination for a provisional teaching certificate. After teaching for a time, he completed his education at Bloomsburg Normal School followed by a term at East Stroudsburg State Teachers College.

His first school, in 1895, was at the base of Sorber Mountain, a one room structure called the Rock School, where Sorbers and Kochers and Galloways learned their Three R's. School terms were of seven months to permit big boys to help with the spring planting and harvest.

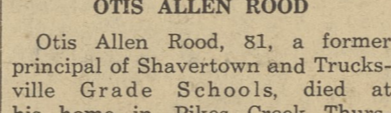
The Rock School was later moved across the road and converted to a dwelling.

Mr. Rood retired from teaching ten years ago, rolling up a record of almost forty years in the profession, exclusive of several periods of non-educational activity. For a time he was tax collector in Forty Fort, and for a time operated a general store at Broadway.

He taught in Ross Township, Lake Township, Dallas Borough, and finally Shavertown and Trucksville.

He and his wife, the former Verna Wolfe of Pikes Creek, celebrated their Golden Wedding four years ago.

Mr. Rood was a member of the Maple Grove Methodist Church, and its official board. He taught the Men's Bible Class for many years. He belonged to Kingston Lodge 395



OTIS ALLEN ROOD

## Della C. Parrish Made A Fine Art Of Friendship

**Aunt Della's Home Hummed With Life, And She Loved It**

Mrs. Della Cooke Parrish, a friend to everybody in Idetown, passed away on Monday, just one week before her eightieth birthday. Aunt Della was planning for a big open-house on Sunday, for she loved company, and was never happier than when welcoming friends to her home.

She had been having a series of heart attacks, which became severe enough last Thursday to dictate admission to Nesbit Memorial Hospital but she still kept on laying plans for her birthday.

She was laid to rest in Beaumont Cemetery yesterday. Rev. Kenneth O'Neill, pastor of Idetown Methodist church, conducted services for a much-loved member of his congregation at Nulton Funeral Home.

Mrs. Parrish's home was the meeting place for many organizations. The WCTU, of which she was president for many years, met with her. Church groups made her home their headquarters. Nothing delighted her quite so keenly as to have three or four old friends stop in unexpectedly for dinner. The Sickler reunion was held annually at her home.

She served on the official board of Idetown Methodist Church. Active in Sunday School work for over fifty years, and an officer of the WSCS, she was superintendent of the primary department. She was a charter member and past Worthy Matron of Dallas Order of the Eastern Star.

A small woman, she bubbled with life and energy. Two Weeks before she died, she thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Ricketts Glen and Lake Jean, though handicapped by slowness in walking. She loved new places and new people, new ideas and new ways of doing things. Daily, she worked out the Cryptogram in the Record, though her eyesight had started to fail.

Born in Moosic, daughter of the late Benjamin and Phoebe Sickler Knapp, she attended State College and taught school for several years before marriage to her first husband Andrew Cooke and nine years during her widowhood after his death in 1906. For a time she taught in the Primary grades at Noxen.

Her first school was at Orange, where she taught all grades. When first widowed with four little children to care for, the oldest one five, she taught in a one-room schoolhouse at Justus, then for some years at Noxen in the second grade, and then at Moosic.

When she married E. R. Parrish in 1915, she abandoned school teaching and moved to the Parrish farm in Idetown, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Calkins, her son-in-law and daughter. Mr. Parrish one of the areas most substantial citizens, died in 1939.

Seven children survive: Mrs. Howard Crosby, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. David Ide, Mrs. Kenneth Calkins, and Paul Parrish, Idetown; Edward R. Parrish, Kingston; and Bess Cooke, at home. There are fourteen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren; brothers and sisters: Mrs. John Cadagan, Scranton; Mrs. John Page, Naples, Fla.; Mrs. J. Gordon Hadsel, Dallas; Ralph Knapp, Kingston; and Carl Knapp, Chinchilla.

Palbearers, all grandsons, were: Richard Ide, Harold Ide, Bruce Ide, Glen Ide, Kim Calkins, and Thomas Brink.

Cotton is 1½ times as heavy as water.

The views expressed by husbands are not necessarily those of the management!

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He is survived by his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Lucy Stitt, Indiana, Pa.; and a granddaughter, Mary Alice.

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