

Book Review Of Montana Jones

Mrs. Virginia BeBerus, late of Trucksville, is trying her hand at something new and different. Turning from the field of running a convalescent home, with sporadic forays into writing poetry, she is now writing books about boys.

Not books primarily for boys, but about them, with deep insight into their feelings and inner life, forbidden territory to everybody but those with the deepest of perceptions.

"Montana Jones" is her first book, a slim volume about a small boy who is pitchforked into a vortex of human emotion at far too tender an age. His emergence from overpowering circumstances into correctly balanced adulthood is the story of juvenile court, foster parents, life on a ranch in Montana, and friendship with another growing boy who is equally the victim of circumstances.

Mrs. BeBerus (known as Mother Virginia in the Back Mountain) concludes that "bad boy" is a misnomer. Good boys are those who are loved and understood.

Mother Virginia, now affiliated with the School for Boys at Glen Mills, is currently working on a second book.

"Montana Jones" was published in December by Vantage Press.

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Big Bobcat Tracks Seen In Snow Near Sawmill

Adrian Taylor, Harveys Lake, spotted tracks of a huge bobcat in the snow Tuesday morning near Kiefer's sawmill on the Lehman road.

Now It's Pheasants

Bill Shedeski saw a ring-neck pheasant picking its way daintily across highway 309 Wednesday afternoon just before dusk. Spring isn't far away.

Swoyerville Sinks Lehman

Takes An Easy 72-33 Victory

Swoyerville stayed in the thick of the North Mountain League pennant race by trouncing Lehman on the Scottie court Friday night.

This win, while Dallas was winning at home brought first half honors down to the wire.

The Sailors started out to make a ball game of it, and won the first period 16-7.

Taking up where they had left off in the first, they also won the second 18-5, to leave the court at the half with a seemingly impossible lead of 34-12.

It was all Sieminski, Varaitis and Stelma, and nothing the Lehman defense could throw at them could stop them.

In the third period the Scotties showed life, but the Sailors won it 22-16.

However, in the fourth, Swoyerville snapped out of it and held the Scotties to five points while running up 16.

The starting five for Lehman was able to go all the way without fouling out.

Swoyerville	G.	F.	Pts.
Stelma, f	6	0	12
Morrell, f	1	1	7
Varaitis, f	5	2	12
Govier, f	0	2	2
Sieminski, c	10	5	25
Pollick, c	1	0	2
Perlia, g	0	4	4
Erwetowski, g	0	0	0
Lewis, g	3	2	8
Totals	28	16	72
Lehman	G.	F.	Pts.
G. Ide, f	1	0	2
Lopasky, f	4	4	12
Covert, c	5	1	11
Williams, g	1	1	3
Sayre, g	2	1	5
Totals	13	7	33

Dallas Defeats West Wyoming

Score Tells Only Part Of The Story

Although the score may indicate that there wasn't too much to the West Wyoming game Friday night at the Dallas Township gym, it was really good.

Clint Brobst was never able to unload his bench, as the Wyoming lads always threatened.

The first period started as though Dallas might run away with the game. When the buzzer rang Dallas held a seven point edge. Dallas never looked better. Pass work was excellent and most shots found their mark. Cooper hit on all eight and the rest contributed their share.

Second period was a replay of the first. West Wyoming began to find the range. Mosier was having an off night. The play of Rome on the corner shots was the standout. Dallas led at the half 35-22.

During the third period West Wyoming got under way. A sustained Dallas offense, which had been evident in the Ashley game, was lacking, and the locals were matched almost point for point, as Charney and Robbins hit on the out and inside shots.

Cooper, Rome and Strauser were the offensive guns for Dallas. The period ended with Dallas on the top side 24-21.

A margin of two points was all that separated the two teams for the fourth period play. Dallas won this one 22-20.

Never ahead but always driving was the story of West Wyoming. Considering the let down which almost always comes after a tough game, Dallas played good ball in spots and was able to protect its early lead.

Dallas	G.	F.	Pts.
Goddard, f	0	0	0
Dietz, f	2	0	4
Rome, f	7	5	19
Mollahan, c	1	1	3
Strauser, c	7	2	16
Mosier, g	5	0	10
Bellas, g	0	2	2
Cooper, g	8	9	25
Dendler, g	1	0	2
Totals	31	19	81
West Wyoming	G.	F.	Pts.
Robbins, f	6	2	14
Matarana, f	0	0	2
Sartno, f	1	1	3
Drenkos, f	0	0	0
Bertocci, c	3	2	8
Orlanski, c	0	0	0
Charney, g	8	5	21
Dixon, g	3	0	6
Turant, g	3	0	6
Williams, g	1	1	3
Totals	25	13	63

Dallas Drubs W-B Township

Crowd Is Thrilled By Desperation Shot

Dallas had things all its own way Tuesday night at Wilkes-Barre Township.

Starting slowly Dallas soon found the range, and won the first period 19-7, with Mosier, Goddard and Strauser doing the scoring.

Most of the shots were sunk by Mosier from outside, or Strauser under the basket, with Tom Goddard sinking four out of seven foul tries.

In the second period, Cooper found the range, followed by Mosier and Strauser to take the stanza 21-14, and the half 40-21.

The third was the best period of the game, with spirited play by both teams resulting in a 31-20 stanza, with Dallas again showing the way. Mollahan, one of two boys promoted from the Junior Varsity showed well, in this and the fourth quarter.

The fourth was slow and showed lack of fire for either team, as Clint Brobst unloaded the bench with Mollahan leading the scorers with eight points.

The majority of fans were from the Back Mountain. Few will forget the desperation shot by a Township boy in the closing second of the first half which he sunk from two-thirds down the court.

Outstanding defensive play is often overlooked in the excitement of scoring. Time after time Bill Strauser refused to be faked out of position and as a result most of their scoring was from outside.

Dallas	fg	ft	ftm	pts
Goddard, f	0	7	4	4
Rome, f	2	1	1	5
Dietz, G, f	4	3	3	11
Poos, f	0	0	0	0
Strauser, c	6	2	0	12
Herring, c	0	0	0	0
Mosier, g	12	3	1	25
Bellas, g	0	0	0	0
Cooper, g	7	4	4	18
Mollahan, g	5	2	2	12
Dendler, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	24	15	87
W-B Township	fg	ft	ftm	pts
Bartroney, f	4	8	1	9
Cosgrove, f	5	5	2	12
Plus, f	1	0	0	0
Delescavage, c	1	3	3	5
Jacobs, g	1	0	0	2
Benedetti, g	2	0	0	4
Gatcha, g	3	6	5	11
Mrackowski, g	1	3	2	4
Totals	18	20	13	49

Officials: George and Davis.



East Dallas Church Enjoys Talk By Returned African Missionary

East Dallas Methodists enjoyed a talk Thursday evening on her twenty years as an African missionary, by Sally Higgins. Miss Higgins, who will return to East Africa next fall, is spending a year's leave in this country, and during her visit to the Back Mountain, is staying with her brother, Samuel Higgins. She expects to start on another project early in February, but may return to this area for a few days before leaving the country.

Miss Higgins' talk on the mission field opened a new world to a number of children among the forty members of the audience. She showed pictures of animal life, the meeting place of Stanley and Livingstone, the grave of an early missionary assistant of Livingstone's, now located in a field of millet, the medical dispensary in the area, the Girls' School in the Tanganyika Territory, and many other scenes of interest.

The evening program was preceded by a family Fellowship Dinner, choir practice, and a meeting of the official board.

Rev. Haydn Gilmore is the pastor.

Was With Glen Alden For Fifty-Two Years

Thomas Stacey, 70, Idetown, died Sunday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Bergstrasser, Dallas, where he had been staying for the past several weeks. He was buried Wednesday afternoon in Memorial Shrine Cemetery. Rev. Kenneth O'Neill, pastor of the Idetown Methodist Church of which Mr. Stacey was a member, was assisted by Mr. Stacey's nephew, Rev. Delbert L. Achuff, in conducting services from an Edwardsville Funeral Home.

An employee of the South Wilkes-Barre Colliery of the Glen Alden Coal Company for fifty-two years, ever since he came from his native Ohio, to Edwardsville as a young man.

He belonged to the Men's Bible Class at Idetown, and was a member of United Mine Workers.

Surviving are his widow, the former Dora Achuff of Wilkes-Barre; a son, Rev. Thomas A. Stacey, of Meadville; daughters: Mrs. Bergstrasser; Mrs. T. A. Murray, Seaside Heights, N. J.; Mrs. George Goss, Camp Hill; seven grandchildren; brothers: Edward Stacey, Kingston; Roland Bennett, West Pittston; several nieces and nephews.

Brownie Troop 27 Hears Returned Missionary

Members and guests of Brownie Troop 27 heard Miss Sally Higgins, African missionary, Tuesday afternoon at Dallas Township school. Miss Higgins showed slides of the territory in East Africa where she has been stationed for the past twenty years. Nancy Covert was honored at birthday festivities.

Present were: Ruth Higgins, Patty Larson, Ann Miller, Patsy Achuff, Beverly Roberts, Sandra Teit, Cheryl Jocelyn, Ruth Haddle, Debbie Savickas, Lois Frantz and Linda John; leaders, Mrs. Charles Roberts and Donald D. Smith; Miss Higgins, Mrs. Sam Higgins, Mrs. Harold Miller and Mrs. Alan Covert.

Dance Chairman

Donald C. Wilkinson, son of Mrs. Dorothy Wilkinson, R. D. 2, Dallas, is general chairman of the Gay Nineties dance, "The Gaslight Gasser," to be held tonight in Wilkes College gymnasium from 9 to 12.

This is the third annual beard dance sponsored by the class of '58. Prizes will be awarded for the best beard, best moustache, and the best beard-moustache combination.

Music will be by the Herbie Green Quintet. The intermission will feature the beard contest and barber-shop singing group, "The Crew-necks."

Judges for the beard contest are: Hal Berg of Station WILK; Robert Moran of the Wilkes Music Department, and Welton Farrar, assistant professor of Economics at Wilkes.

Area students and the public are invited to attend.

Dallas Community Ambulance Sets Up Four Crews For '58

Dallas Community Ambulance crews have been set up for the current year, divided into four teams. Regulations call for all crew captains not on duty, to respond to an auto accident in their own cars, to aid the captain and crew on duty. William Wright, crew captain, announces personnel:

Team Number 1: Nort Bert, captain; Ray Titus, Henry Evans, Vic Cross and James Wertman.

Team 2: William Wright, captain; Donald Bulford, Al Shaffer, Leonard Harvey and William Shaffer.

Team 3: Leslie Barstow, captain; Les Barstow, Jr., William Bert, Steve Hartman, Ken Shaffer and Howard Johns.

Team 4: Charles Flack, captain; Jack Stanley, Robert Block, Joe Hand and Ed Roth.

Alternate men and women: Mrs. Charles Flack, Russ Honeywell, Leslie Warhola, Robert Laux, Mrs. William Wright, Danny Richards, D. T. Scott, Ted Ruff and Harry Brown.

In charge of the rescuator is Charles Flack. Registered nurses on call are Mrs. Josephine Postorise and Mrs. Fred Anderson.

It is planned to use advanced First Aiders among the women during the day time for medical or transportation calls.

Drops Dead As He Clears Drive

Exertion Fatal To Dr. J. P. Sturdevant

The community was shocked to hear of the death of Dr. Preston J. Sturdevant, who succumbed to a heart attack Saturday afternoon while clearing snow from the driveway of his home in Huntsville. He was discovered by his wife, who called Dr. H. G. Gallagher, who stated that death had been instantaneous.

Dallas Community Ambulance rushed to the scene, hoping to be of assistance, but oxygen was of no avail.

Dr. Sturdevant was the second man in the Wyoming Valley area to suffer a fatal heart attack while dealing with Saturday's heavy snowfall.

Burial was in Overfield Cemetery, Meshoppen, Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Edgar Singer, pastor of Forty Fort Methodist Church, officiated at the Hughes Funeral Home.

Pallbearers, five of them from a supper club formed thirty-five years ago with Dr. Sturdevant as a member, were: W. B. Jeter, Roy V. Eder, Dr. Frank W. Kelly, James L. Brownlee, Karl F. Arbogast and Floyd Gallup.

A practicing dentist in Forty Fort since 1918, Dr. Sturdevant belonged to Forty Fort Methodist Church and served for ten years as superintendent of its Sunday School.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre in 1897, son of the late Clarence W. and Lucy Swan Sturdevant. He graduated from Coughlin High School and obtained his degree from University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry.

Thirteen years ago he purchased the old Dr. Rogers place overlooking Huntsville Dam, and with his wife's help, turned it into one of the show places of Huntsville. Last week's Dallas Post, in "Only Yesterday," carried a small item about a blaze ten years ago in the fire-place foundations, quickly quenched by Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company.

Dr. Sturdevant was a member of Kingston Lodge 395 F&AM, Caldwell Consistory, Irem Temple, and West Side Lions Club.

For a number of years he served on the New Goods Committee for the Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

He is survived by his widow, the former Damaris Metsker of Plymouth, Indiana; a daughter, Mrs. Warner F. Cook, Forty Fort; two sons: Stephen A. Naugatuck, Conn.; Dr. Preston J., Jr., Auburn, Mass.; eight grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Theodore Tremayne, Dover, Del.; and a step-mother, Mrs. Clarence Sturdevant, Wilkes-Barre.

To state that unjustified wage increases are not inflationary is to say that something can be created from nothing.

Flourishing Milk Program At Gate Of Heaven School

Milk, 21,529 half pints of it, from Dallas and Orange Dairies, has been distributed to children at Gate of Heaven School through the United States Department of Agriculture program, according to a report made at the January meeting of the PTA.

The annual smorgasbord was announced for February 11, starting at 5 p. m. in the school auditorium. Mrs. Eugene Pryor is chairman, Mrs. Harry Sgarlat co-chairman.

The PTA will sponsor a dance on Saturday, February 8, for seventh and eighth grade students. Boys are required to wear jackets. Mrs. Francis Girvan is chairman, Mrs. Robert Williams, co-chairman. Friday night high school dances held in the auditorium will continue. The chaperone committee includes Mrs. Ralph Daley, Mrs. Edward Lenahan, Mrs. Eugene Pryor, Mrs. Harry Burns, Paul Gates, Ignatius Gallagher, Charles Glawe, Rev. Francis Kane and Rev. Richard Frank.

Mr. Glawe presided; Father Kane gave the opening prayer; Mr. Gallagher read the minutes. Drapes for the stage and windows were reported nearly ready for use; donation of the Bell and Harwell sound projector was acknowledged.

Attendance banner was won by the first grade. Fifth grade mothers served under direction of Mrs. Jerome Guver, chairman, assisted by Mesdames Katherine Henninger, Emily Bologna, Isabelle Halpan, Jeanee Spears and Jane Olsen.

Westmoreland Parents Will Hear Psychologist

Westmoreland Parents Council will hear A. E. Hock, school psychologist for Kingston Borough Schools for the past fifteen years, Monday evening at 8.

William Rudy, president, states that business will be held to the minimum, and that open discussion will be welcomed. One of the things that may be touched upon is better utilization of the Guidance Program now in effect at Westmoreland, with a view to making it applicable to other schools and grades in the Dallas Area Schools system.

The possibility of getting this program under one head as a separate department will be suggested. At present, guidance is in the hands of a number of teachers, all of whom have other responsibilities. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: In Patterson, N. J., a burglar shinned 20 feet up a drainpipe, crossed a roof, forced open a skylight, dropped into a room, smashed in a door to the New England Freight Co. Office, and escaped with exactly \$3.45.

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