

Buy Your Own Cannon, And Go Into Business For Yourself

By RALPH WEDDITT

In a little Pennsylvania town near Bethlehem, there lived one of the usual small town characters, who got in everybody's hair. He was from across the tracks, so to speak, and not very bright, in fact he never got beyond fourth grade in school. His name was Andy Pervis.

He grew up to be about eighteen years old, with an unsatisfied appetite for candy and ice cream, and having no occupation or visible income he bedeviled merchants and townsmen by constantly begging for nickels and dimes.

He became such a nuisance that a group of the merchants around the public square in the center of town got together and made a job for the boy.

There was a huge brass cannon in this park, near the flagpole, a relic of the Spanish-American War. The merchants made a deal with Andy, telling him if he would polish the brass cannon every day, rain or shine, six days a week, they would give him ten dollars a week, and he could collect from Mr. Parminster, the village druggist every Saturday night. Andy accepted at once, since ten dollars sounded like a lot of money to him.

Andy began work the following Monday and it took him almost all day to finish the polishing job on the cannon. The merchants furnished the polish and rags for the work. The cannon took on a spic and span new look and everybody complimented Andy on his good work, and he felt very proud of himself and was soon sporting a new pair of blue jeans.

All went well for about five months, Andy never missed a day, and each Saturday night he went around to the druggist who was treasurer for the group, and collected his pay.

Shortly after the end of the fifth month Andy turned up at the drug store on a Saturday night, with a clean shirt and a brand new pair of overalls. After he received his ten dollars for that week he said to the druggist, very sadly, "Mr. Parminster, well this is my last week, I'm quittin' tonight."

Mr. Parminster was taken by surprise and asked Andy, "You've been doing such good work Andy, don't you like the job?"

Andy replied, "Yet, the job is very good, and has been steady too."

Mr. Parminster then asked, "Isn't the salary commensurate?"

"What's that?" said Andy.

Rephrasing the question, Mr. Parminster said, "Isn't the pay all right?"

Andy replied quickly, "Oh yes the pay was all right, and you ain't never missed one pay day."

"Well then," Mr. Parminster inquired, "Just why are you quitting the job?"

Andy hung his head and confessed, "You see it's this way Mr. Parminster, since I've been working so steady, and gittin' all this money I started savin' up, and today I bought ME a brass cannon and I'm goin' in business for myself. Don't you think that's a smart thing for a feller to do while he's still a young man?"

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I shall be glad to print news from all leagues. Have your secretary or some other member take down notes, high games, etc., and leave them at the desk at Crown Imperial Lanes or send them to Bowling News in care of this paper.

St. Paul's Lutheran Brotherhood League starts tonight at 9:15.

Natona Girls are back, but the league is bowling for averages another week. It will begin league play September 16th.

The County League games went on record Tuesday night. Three teams are starting out in first place and three teams in second. Still Brothers took 3 points from West Side Building; Dallas Dairy took 3 from Circle Inn; and Bocar Manufacturing took 3 from Wilson and Son Lumber.

Dallas Dairy team was high when it scored 727 pins in the second game; Still Brothers had high total pins of 2013.

Liz Weale and Ruth Stair went on record for high individual series with 458 each, while Mary Dimmick led the high games with a 173. Other high games were bowled by Lorry Selcher, 167; Liz Weale, 165; Flossy Lewis, 164; Ada Hanson, 161-154; Ruth Stair, 159-163; Tessie Rodriguez, 158; Tooties Demmon, 156; Marie Ciccarelli, 156; Clara Shupp, 155; Alice Ide, 154; Myrtis Funke, 153; Mary Shook, 151.

It seemed to be the night for converting splits. Clara Shupp made a 7-6-10 split; Jean Wilson swept off a 5-10; and Casey Selingo hit a 7-3.

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President Carleton Kocher thanked the committee for its efforts in making August 10 one of the most successful outings in the club's history.

John Buck, Fish Conservationist for Luzerne County, spoke on the newly established Motor Boat Commission. He also spoke on the survey of the North Branch of the Susquehanna River carried out by Fish Commission personnel. Mr. Buck concludes that there are at present enough boat launching sites between the New York State line and Falls, Pa.

Club turkey shoots are scheduled to get under way in late September. Dates will be set so as not to conflict with activities of other clubs in the area.

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Introduction

Hi! We're back again this semester with one change: We're all in one building as Westmoreland Senior High School which includes grades ten, eleven and twelve.

For a few weeks everything is going to seem strange to us, but time will soon mend this. Teachers and students will soon become well acquainted. Football and band practices, football games, assemblies, dances, and most important of all our classes will help to hasten the acquaintance.

As school commenced Wednesday, things were in quite the first day flurry. Everyone seemed a little frightened and even backward about the thought of school beginning especially since this is the first semester for the two Senior High Schools, Dallas-Franklin and Westmoreland, combined in one building. We imagine things were much the same way in our Junior High School at the Dallas Township building.

We again will serve as your Senior High School correspondents and ask the help of everyone to supply information. If you have any school news, please make sure we get it! We are both seniors and hope we can make our column interesting.

Summer Science Classes

A few of our Senior High School students took time during their summer vacation to attend morning and afternoon science classes instructed by Anthony Roan, biology teacher, and Thomas Carr, chemistry and physics teacher, at Dallas Township and our school.

Many places of interest were toured during the four-week period. Probably most thrilling of the tours were Avoca and Fort Fort Airports where approximately thirty students, two by two, went for an airplane ride while Mr. Roan supplied a little information concerning pilot instruction. Daring and Hislop Sausage Kitchen provided much interest as did the tour of Commonwealth Telephone Company and Dallas Post. As show of appreciation, a note of thanks was sent to those establishments toured. The class performed many lab

experiments, took long hikes through wooded area, made explorations of creeks and ponds, and identified insects, leaves, etc.

Another whole day was spent at Nay Aug Park, Scranton, where students visited the museum, zoo, and planetarium. Many carefree Thursdays were spent at Harveys Lake as the students and their instructors enjoyed the warm summer sun and swimming off the Alderson dock.

Events as just mentioned made the science classes end almost too quickly. The students will agree on all the fun they've had and knowledge they've gained in this science class informality. We wish to thank Mr. Roan and Mr. Carr for their time devoted to the classes and making the science program worthwhile to us. At the same time we want to thank Dallas Rotary for sponsoring the program.

Mrs. Florence Roberts Taken To Mercy Hospital

Mrs. Florence Roberts, 45 Davenport Street, suffered a stroke early Monday evening, and is on the critical list at Mercy Hospital. Seized by a premonition, Mrs. Roberts telephoned to a neighbor on Davenport Street, Mrs. John Hopple, at about 4 p.m. to say she was feeling ill. Mrs. Hopple summoned Dr. Gallagher, and later that same evening, Mrs. Roberts became critically ill.

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The hobby of collecting Indian relics started in 1916 when Mr. Wiant joined the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries with which he was associated for thirty-four years. A good part of that time he was superintendent of hatcheries in four southern states.

His first job with the bureau was in Tupelo, Mississippi, and he spent most of his days off and weekends exploring the nearby countryside. On his walks he occasionally found arrowheads and over the years developed a real interest in them and in 1925 he and his wife took up Indian relic collecting as a serious hobby, devoting all of their spare time to expeditions which took them through all the rural and wooded areas of the south.

The Wiants, unlike most Indian relic hunters and archeologists, never excavated for their treasures. They found all of them on the surface of the land which they covered meticulously.

At first, Mr. Wiant says, it was a hit and miss proposition and he spent several years looking in the wrong places. Then by trial and error he and Mrs. Wiant came to know the signs which pointed to campsites and burial grounds which the Indians had used when the land was theirs. The hills, where Mr. Wiant says most people make the mistake of looking for arrowheads and the like, contain few relics. He found lowlands near creeks, the best places to search, with slight rises in the earth indicating the spots where the Indians had lived.

In such spots the Wiants found perhaps ten thousand arrowheads and the many other items which they display.

The arrowheads are beautifully mounted on velvet in wooden frames with glass covers. The coloring of the arrowheads in each individual display, Mrs. Wiant, who obviously has an artistic bent, has

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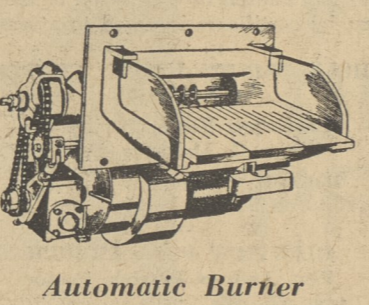
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