

No Smelts At Lake, After Three Years Of Extremely Heavy Catch

Fish warden Jim Yoder says that perch and pickeral are biting during the ice fishing season, but that nobody has caught any smelts so far this winter at Harveys Lake. Pickeral range up to 15 inches, perch to 12 inches. Chief Edgar Hughes says that ice fishing isn't what it was from 1956 to 1959, when smelts crowded the lake and begged for the baited hook, as hundreds of fishermen built bonfires on the ice, stamped frozen feet as they hauled in the smelts, and staggered off under bushel baskets of their catch. From 1952, when 200 smelts were planted from Lake Erie as food for larger Harveys Lake fish, until 1956, the smelts disappeared so completely

that planting was considered to have been a failure.

Suddenly, fishermen found smelts crowding the chopped holes in the ice, and bonfires showed great numbers milling about beneath the ice. Tremendous numbers were taken, and smelts were placed on the list of those fish on which there was no limit nor season.

For three winters the Alderson end of the lake looked like an Indian village at night, with dozens of fires and a myriad of lights out on the ice. Residents complained that fishermen were leaving all sorts of debris on the ice, invading bathing wharves for shelter, and creating disturbances. Last winter, very few smelts were taken. With the apparent vanishing of the smelts, the number of anglers has been drastically reduced.

The ice, says Mr. Hughes, is now beyond the eleven inch thickness mark, and steadily gaining depth. There have been two dunkings when somebody stepped too close to a wharf where cutting had been done to free structures straining against the crowding ice, but most owners have been careful to stand pieces of ice on end around the thin sections, to call attention to the danger.

Skating, since the wet snow of the New Years weekend, has been limited to areas which have been cleared by jeep or tractor. One such area is at Sandy Bottom, where Joe McCaffery has operated a jeep snow plough. Another is at the Sunset end of the Lake. Private owners have cleared small spaces for their families and friends, but for the most part the lake is a solid expanse of snow.

During the few days when the lake first froze over, before the heavy snows, skating was good almost everywhere, and a number of sail-craft were skimming the blue ice under a bright sun.

Drawn for jury duty in criminal court during a three-week session starting February 6, are these Back Mountain residents:

February 6: from Lake Township, Catherine Corbett; Shavertown, Beatrice Flaherty; Dallas, Mrs. James Durkin, Shrine View; and N. Edwin Nelson, Parrish Street.

February 13: from Dallas: Jean Kuehn, Machell Avenue; Pauline Selingo, Overbrook Road; from Trucksville, Gladys Weyand, Knob Hill; Mrs. Sylvia Wills, Hillcrest, Shavertown.

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Toluba To Head Education Group

Gloria Klassen Is Secretary-Treasurer

Theodore Toluba, Idetown, Wilkes College '62, has been elected president of Northeastern District, Student Pennsylvania Education Association. The election was held in Wilkes College Commons and was attended by representatives of seven area colleges which comprise the specific district.

Mr. Toluba is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Toluba, R. D. 4, Dallas.

Other officers elected are Gloria Klassen, College Misericordia, secretary-treasurer, and Ellen Garden, Marywood College, vice president.

Pennsylvania Education Association is an organization composed of college students throughout the state. Meetings are held monthly for the purpose of exchanging ideas and to discuss problems attendant to college and to college activities. Through this exchange of ideas, it is hoped a closer rapport will be developed between the colleges of the area.

Colleges comprising the Northeastern District of the association are Wilkes, Marywood, University of Scranton, College Misericordia, Bloomsburg State, King's and Stroudsburg State.

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, in Europa Lounge.

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DALLAS Junior High NEWS

JOANNE HADSALL

Wrestling candidates are working hard. The following boys were listed by Coach Cathral, as those showing promise: John Brominski, Jerry Goble, Tommy Lee, Charles Higgy, Lou Isaacs, Fred Gosart, Bradley Klimaszewski, and Donald Darrel. The cafeteria staff celebrated the birthday of Mrs. Veitch on Wednesday, January 4.

Our Christmas Dance, held on Wednesday, December 23, was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the music provided by the Jay Dees. Chaperones and guests were: Mr. Rosser, Mr. and Mrs. Baron, Mr. and Mrs. Brominski, Mr. and Mrs. Woolbert, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Henwood, Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Malpass. Santa Claus was played by Mr. Malpass. The decorations for the dance consisted of red and green streamers, tissue paper snowflakes along the wall, a nativity scene at one end of the gymnasium, and a gaily decorated tree.

A Christmas program was presented to the student body in Assembly Thursday, December 22. The reading of the Christmas story in the Bible, the Lords Prayer, and pledge to the flag, led by Peggy Flemming, opened the program. John Farley was the announcer. The band played a march to which the majorettes twirled, and several carols. The following girls from section 9-5 sang Christmas carols in French, accompanied by Marsha Sowden: Tessie Cushner, Diane Duffy, Margaret Lawson, Diane Pope, Karen Walk, Charlyn Ell, Janet Roberts, Bille Jo Brice, Jo Birnstock, Jacqueline Churey, June Hayes, Lynn Hughes, Bonnie James, Paula Scott, Carol Remley, Linda Rowett, Betty Jane Cyphers, and Gail Rumbaugh. Mrs. Woolbert is the French teacher. These girls sang "Born is Jesus, the Infant King", "I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus", "Silent Night", and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". The last was taught to the student body by Mrs. Woolbert. Two solos were played, one by Kenneth Higgins and the other by Bradley Earl. Kenneth played a trumpet solo, "O Holy Night", accompanied by Karen Walk. Bradley played an accordion solo, "Winter Wonderland" and "Silver Bells".

The 1960 to 1961 Junior High School basketball schedule is as follows:

- Tues, Jan. 10 - Larksville-H-4:00
- Fri, Jan. 13 - Lake-Leman-H-4:00
- Mon, Jan. 16 - Tunkhannock-A-3:00
- Mon, Jan. 23 - W. Pittston-H-4:00
- Fri, Jan. 27 - Swoyersville-H-4:00
- Tues, Jan. 31 - W. Pittston-A-3:30
- Tues, Feb. 7 - Larksville-A-3:30
- Fri, Feb. 10 - Lake-Lehman-A-4:00
- Mon, Feb. 13 - Tunkhannock-A-3:30
- Tue, Feb. 21 - Swoyersville-A-3:30

The clothing drive to collect clothes for needy people was very successful. The students of the Junior High School collected many bags and boxes of wearable clothing. The following Student Council members helped pack the garments at the Dallas Borough School on December 11: Peggy Flemming, Karen Walk, Joanne Hadsall, Carl Kaschenbach, John Farley, and Mike Jones. Twenty-two boxes and forty-three bags were packed. Approximately one ton of clothing was collected.

Services Tomorrow For Mrs. Minnie Coolbaugh

Mrs. Minnie Coolbaugh, 77, died early Tuesday morning at her home in Shavertown. Services will be conducted tomorrow at 11 a. m. by Rev. Robert D. Yost from the Snowdon Funeral Home, Kingston, followed by burial at Fern Knoll.

Mrs. Coolbaugh passed quietly away in her sleep, dying as she had wished to die, in her own bed and among her own surroundings, without alien hands ministering to her needs. She was a woman who took great pride in being self-sufficient. Until ill health dictated surgery a year ago she had never been ill in her life.

She was a native of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of the late John and Rose Whitney Mathers. For the past 38 years she lived in Shavertown. Her husband died in 1948. She belonged to Shavertown Methodist Church, its W.S.C.S. and to the Eastern Star. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. William J. Thomas, Shavertown; a brother, Howard Mathers, of Forty Fort; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Mrs. Alice G. Rogers To Be Buried Friday

Mrs. Alice G. Rogers, 79, Trucksville, who died late Tuesday night at the Hillcrest Convalescent Home, will be buried tomorrow afternoon in Cedar Crest Cemetery. Rev. Grove Armstrong, pastor of Trucksville Free Methodist Church, will conduct services at 2 from the Williams Funeral Home. Friends may call this evening. Mrs. Rogers was born in Trucksville on December 22, 1881, a daughter of the late James D. and Mary Ann Perrego. She resided in Trucksville all her life. She was a member of Trucksville Free Methodist Church, its Women's Missionary Society and Adult Bible Class. Surviving are her husband, Frank,

daughters, Mrs. Chappell, Lela Rogers, Washington, D. C., Mrs. William M. Berry, St. Petersburg, Fla.; brothers and sisters, Russell Perrego, Arlington, Va.; Mrs. Arthur Stephens, Mrs. Harvey Averrett, Binghamton; Mrs. Dana Dimmick, East Branch, N. Y., and Raymond Perrego, Huntsville; also four grandchildren.

"About the only two things a child will share willingly are communicable diseases and his mother's age," The Wall Street Journal.

Roland Spencer Heads Kunkle Fire Company

Roland Spencer was installed as president and Thomas Landon as vice president at the meeting of Kunkle Fire Company held in the Fire Hall on January 6. Other officers: secretary, Russell Transue Jr., treasurer, Basil Frantz Fire Chief, Fred Dodson, Assistant Fire Chief, Corey Besteder, Trustee, Arthur Treddinick. Plans were made for the sixth annual banquet of the Company to

be held at Beaumont Inn on February 25.

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

The best way to get a wart off your hands is to marry him. The only Pennsylvanian, James Buchanan, to become president of the United States, named his home at Lancaster, Pennsylvania "Wheatland" because of its panoramic grainfields. His home, much the same as it was when he lived there, is open to the public.

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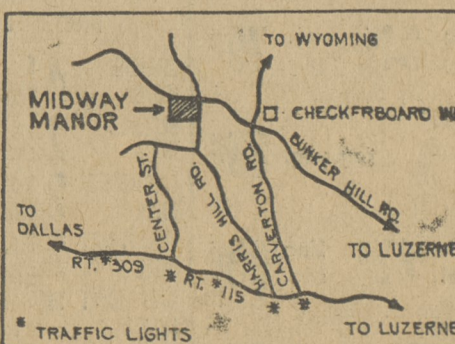
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