

Army Child Expresses Thoughts Before She Leaves Pennsylvania

Recently Governor David L. Lawrence received the following essay addressed to all Pennsylvania from a young woman who had grown up at Indiantown Gap, near Muir Field, the parade ground at the Military Reservation.

To Pennsylvania:

When one leaves the home of a host or hostess, it is proper to turn back at the door and say once more, "Thank you, I've enjoyed my stay, and that is what I would like to do to you, Pennsylvania. I have been your guest for eight long happy years. It's unusual for Army families to stay in one place eight years, but we have and my life has been so much richer because of it. I cannot leave by just boarding a train or

bus; it's not that easy. This has been my home, my childhood; the shaping of my character and personality has begun here in the glorious State of Pennsylvania. There are many things to thank you for, large and small. The sight of your deer coming down from your mountains, swift and graceful and breath-taking to watch. Thank you for the variety of color autumn turns your countryside. Also the snow crunching under foot, when winter comes. The lights of Christmas, the sound of your church bells. Thank you for letting me pass two milestones in my religion here, my first Holy Communion and my Confirmation—for St. Mary's, no Cathedral of Europe will ever quite compare to what it is to me. Thank you for your Capital and Reading, historic Valley Forge and unforgettable Gettysburg, and Philadelphia, where our independence took shape.

Wonderful days at Hershey Park, chicken pot pie, chicken corn soup, shoo-fly-pie. Where else could people enjoy such tasty cooking, but here in Pennsylvania.

I've shared all this because you have let me. I've shared also your "Pride of Pennsylvania" as they

parade across Muir Field. Somehow before each parade ended, my eyes misted and a funny lump rose in my throat—I too felt your emotion and excitement as I watched the men step smartly past the reviewing stand. Thank you for General Biddle, who is Mr. Pennsylvania; filled with kindness—for Governor Lawrence and his wife, two people of unusual warmth and dignity.

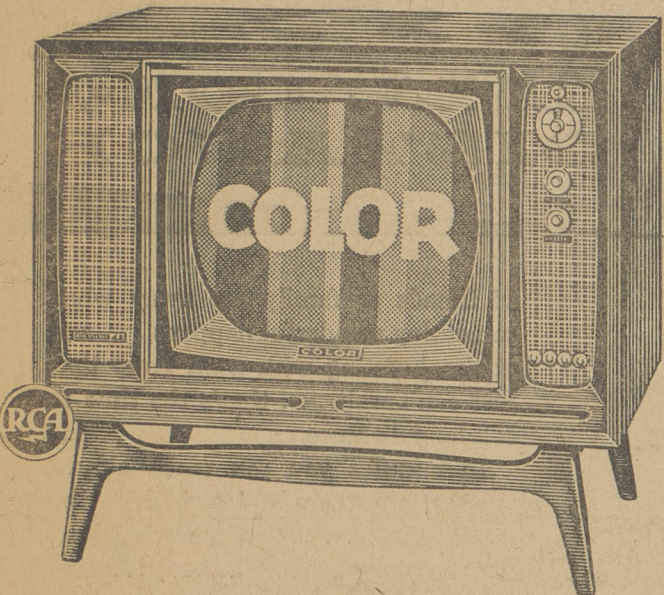
Thank you for your farmers who raise the best sweet corn I'll ever eat and who always insist on giving a child thirteen ears instead of twelve.

For your quaint Amish and Mennonite people, who have the courage to live according to their convictions. My heart will carry all these memories and many more. And now as I prepare to leave, I turn at the door of this wonderful State to say "Pennsylvania, I salute you." There is beauty in your mountains. There is peace upon your hills. And where'er I roam, my only home is Pennsylvania.

With gratitude,
Karen Kovalchik,
an Army child

P. S.—My address today is Indiantown Gap; tomorrow we leave for Germany.

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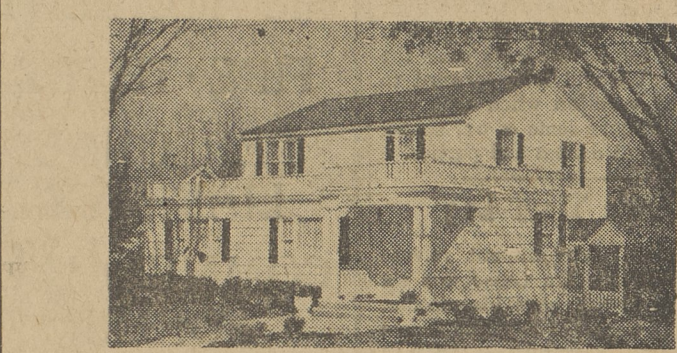
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Brownies Go Sledding

Brownie Troop 203, with leaders Mrs. Tex Wilson and Mrs. Harry Hughey, went sleigh-riding Saturday at the home of Mrs. Prentice Lacy, taking advantage of perfect sledding weather. Mrs. Lacy served refreshments, and Brownies went home tired but happy.

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Gate Of Heaven Altar And Rosary Society Installs New Officers

Installed by Rev. Francis A. Kane at the January meeting of Gate of Heaven Altar and Rosary Society were: Mrs. Ted Popielarz, president; Mrs. George Arzente, Jr., first vice president; Mrs. Joseph Wentzel, second vice president; Mrs. A. A. Mascali, treasurer; Mrs. John Mulhern, financial secretary.

Annual reports were given by retiring officers Mrs. J. Warren Yarnel and Mrs. Joseph O'Donnell.

Standing committee chairmen appointed were: ways and means, Mrs. Philip Ansilio; courtesy, Mrs. James Regan; hospitality, Mrs. Joseph Wentzel; contingent, Mrs. Charles Glawe; medals, Mrs. John Yalick, altar boys, Mrs. Paul Gates; flowers, Mrs. John Kupstas; program, Mrs. Thomas Decker and Mrs. Jerry Johns; deanery, Mrs. William Wasser; bake-sale, Ann Polachek; publicity, Mrs. Joseph C. Drust.

Mrs. George Decker read a report on the West Luzerne Deanery Council of Catholic Women.

It was announced that the society will hold a membership party February 6, with cards and games, to which all new members are invited. Mrs. Leo Mohen is chairman.

Mrs. Robert Lavelle presented Father Kane with a check for \$80 toward the school fund, which was awarded by WBRE, and made possible by full cooperation of the parish.

Mrs. Edward Ryzdzleski and Emerson Steele were welcomed to membership by Mrs. Leon Chase, and Mrs. Yarnel introduced Mrs. James Tyler. Father Kane congratulated outgoing and incoming officers.

Next communion Sunday will be on February 5, when a Missa Recitata Mass will be celebrated at 9 a. m. Members are asked to receive in a group to obtain the plenary indulgence.

Band 8 served, with Mrs. Leon Chase as chairman.

Back Mountain YMCA Basketball League Starts Practice Monday

Back Mountain YMCA Basketball League will have its first session at Dallas Junior High School Gymnasium on Monday at 7 p. m.

League will be open to all senior high school boys living in the Back Mountain Area who do not participate in the interscholastic basketball program.

The first session will be a practice period in which the abilities of each boy will be evaluated. This will enable the leaders of the League to select teams of near-equal ability.

All senior high school boys in the area are invited to attend this initial session, with the hope that the number attending will be sufficient to form a four-team league. Games will be played on succeeding Monday evenings at 7 p. m. in the Junior High Gymnasium.

Plans are being formulated for the Back Mountain YMCA Annual Meeting which will be held Thursday, January 26.

Couples Club Dinner

Dallas Methodist Church Couples Club will serve a roast beef dinner Saturday, January 28, 5 to 7 p. m. Co-Chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lefko, and Mr. and Mrs. Fay Hopkins. Ticket chairmen are Dr. John Blase and Nelson Nelson, Jr.

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Bird Club To Take Hike At Jackson's

Back Mountain Bird Club will meet at Frank Jackson's home, Pole 172, Harveys Lake, Saturday afternoon at 1, if weather permits. In case of very bad weather, the meeting will be postponed until the following Saturday.

Frank Jackson will talk on identification of trees in winter, demonstrating by a hike through his woodlot. Mr. Jackson, one of the region's authorities on birds, is equally informed on trees, flowers, and wildlife in general.

The deadline for School News in The Dallas Post is Monday at noon.

Rev. Paul Hosier To Speak On Sunday

New York Conference Superintendent, Rev. Paul Hosier, will speak in Dallas and Truckville Free Methodist churches on Sunday. He will address the Dallas Church at 11 a. m. and the Truckville congregation at Evening Vespers at 7.

Rev. Hosier was elected Conference Superintendent in July, succeeding Rev. A. L. Payne, who for four years served as Conference Superintendent. Rev. Payne is now pastor of the Maplecrest, N. Y., Free Methodist Church.

Rev. Hosier has served as District Superintendent of the Windsor and New England Districts. He was pastor at Liberty, N. Y., when elected to the Superintendency. During his ministry at the Liberty Church, the congregation built a new church and parsonage.

Rev. Hosier and his family will soon move to Dallas to the conference parsonage now under construction on Davenport Street. There are five children. The eldest son is in the United States Marines, and two boys and two girls live at home.

Panel To Study Guidance Topic

Fox, McCutcheon,
To Speak Jan. 18

Richard Demmy, chairman of the Citizens Committee for Better Schools, announces a meeting for Wednesday, 8:30 p. m., at Dallas Borough School. The program will be a panel discussion on guidance with Miss Patricia Fox, elementary guidance director, and George McCutcheon, secondary guidance director, as panelists. Warren Yarnel, chairman of the Study Committee, will act as moderator.

Members of the Study Committee are: Mrs. William Gritman, Mrs. Thomas Vernon, Mrs. Richard Demmy, and Dr. Irvin Jacobs.

The Nominating Committee, composed of Mrs. Thomas Vernon, Mrs. Elmer Phillips, Harry Wolfe and Paul Rodda, chairman, will report.

These community groups have appointed representatives to the Citizens Committee: Dallas Rotary, Ralph Marshall and Frank Bell; American Legion, George McCutcheon; Junior League of Wilkes-Barre, Mrs. William Shuster; Gate of Heaven School, Charles Glawe. It is hoped that all other interested groups will send representatives. All interested members of the community are welcome.

Services Today At 2 For Mrs. Beulah Freeman

Mrs. Beulah Kate Freeman, 70, of Meshoppen, widely related in the Back Mountain, died Sunday night at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre.

She will be buried today at Maple Grove, following services at 2 p. m. in the Bronson Funeral Home, conducted by Rev. Robert Lacey, pastor of New Berlin Baptist Church.

For most of her life she had suffered from asthma, complicated of recent years by a heart ailment.

She was born at Hunlock Creek, daughter of the late Lorenzo and Susie Santee Cragle, resided in West Nanticoke for many years, and moved to Meshoppen four years ago. She belonged to the Vestal Baptist Church, joining it in the course of an eight year residence in Vestal, N. Y.

Surviving are her husband, Elmer, children, Jasper, Meshoppen; Albert, Muhlenburg; Leslie, Conklin, N. Y.; Mrs. Loretta Whitesell and Edward, both of Vestal, N. Y.; Mrs. Lavina Allen, Orange, Calif.; Mrs. Alike Parno, Phoenix, Ariz.; 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Maude Cragle, Red Rock; Mrs. Laura Roderick, Syracuse, N. Y.; Mrs. Lucy Cumberland, Muhlenburg; Mrs. Rena Shaw, Harveyville; brothers, Josiah Cragle, Muhlenburg; Elmer and Stanley Cragle, both of Hunlock Creek; Bruce Cragle, Berwick.

John Arndt Buried At Maple Grove

John Arndt, 56, Lake Silkworth, died in General Hospital Saturday night, a few hours after admission. He had been ill for a year.

Services were held yesterday afternoon from the Bronson Funeral Home, Rev. E. D. Hettinger officiating. Burial was at Maple Grove.

Mr. Arndt had been a resident of Lake Silkworth since 1924. He was a native of Nanty Glo, son of the late Fred and Anna Wega Arndt. A painter by trade, he was an employee of the Glen Alden Coal Company for a number of years. For some time, he lived in Sweet Valley. His wife died in 1939.

He is survived by son, John, at home; brothers and sisters, Mrs. C. E. Beam, Pasadena, Calif.; William, Ebsenburg; Mrs. Reginald Payne, Fred and George, Plymouth; Mrs. Willard Peters, Lake Silkworth; Lawrence and Raymond, Pittsburgh, and an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kephart, with whom he resided.

Lake-Noxen PTA To Meet Wednesday, At 8

Lake-Noxen P. T. A. will meet Wednesday evening at 8 in the Lake Gym. Mrs. Earl Crispell presiding.

Mrs. Donald Cosgrove, Librarian of Lake-Lehman Joint School, will speak on "An Adequate Library".

Entertainment will be provided by the Students of College Misericordia who will present a musical program. Refreshments will be served by the mothers of grades 3, 5, 10.

Idetown Fire Auxiliary

Jonathan R. Davis Fire Auxiliary plans a meeting February 6 at 7:30 in the Idetown Fire Hall. An invitation is extended to any woman in the community to join the organization without personal invitation.

Mrs. Sam Margellina will preside. Refreshments will be served by Mesdames Roland Ritts, Lee Bicking, Charles Carterline, Robert Uddella.

First Robin Reported

The first frost-bitten robin has been reported. Mrs. Marcus Lutz, Shavertown, saw him, blunting his bill on the frozen earth in a bare spot under her window in Shavertown on Monday. Mrs. Lutz prepared a tasty bait of melted suet and oatmeal, and the robin accepted it as a substitute for angle-worms.

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