

### Three Cornell Students From India Sample Area Cooking, Skip Blizzard

Three Cornell students from India were guests at the Edward Oncay home at Outlet Road, Lehman, for two days last week, starting for Philadelphia just before the blizzard struck this area.

Hailed as Kris, John and Charlie, because their names were unpronounceable to Pennsylvania tongues, Dr. Krichna Das, Taraneswari Jha, and Surjajoni Tathak, all natives of India, had not encountered snow before coming to the United States as students almost four years ago. If they had stayed until Saturday instead of taking off in their ancient jalyop on Friday, Mrs. Oncay reflected, they'd have had their money's worth.

At loose ends during the mid-winter vacation between semesters, the three men, who occupy an apartment near Cornell University, got as far as Scranton on their trip to Philadelphia to see the cradle of liberty, remembered that the Oncays lived near by, and called to say they would drop in for an hour if perfectly convenient.

Mr. and Mrs. Oncay had met Dr. Das when they visited Cornell with their son, Billy, a junior at Wyom Seminary, who is leaning toward a career as a veterinarian. Dr. Das, carrying keys of the medical building where he both teaches and studies for another degree, unlocked doors which would normally have

remained closed to visitors. He seemed lonesome, and glad to talk. Mrs. Oncay sent him some cookies when she returned to Lehman.

The Oncays now have a pressing invitation when next they visit Cornell. They have been promised a true Indian meal, cooked by the three men and served Indian style seated on the floor, and without silver. They also have an invitation to visit India, see Calcutta and Delhi, and renew the friendship after the students return to their home land in June. A bait is offered: Charlie's father, who made one of the beautiful rugs for the United Nations building, will give Mrs. Oncay a rug if she collects it herself.

There were a few eating taboos. Kric cats everything; one visitor was a strict vegetarian, one could eat chicken, but not beef or pork. Fried chicken legs and plenty of assorted vegetables made a good compromise.

"They wondered about coming into the kitchen with their shoes on," explained Mrs. Oncay. "At home in India, and probably in their apartment, too, they take off their shoes, substitute sandals, and wash thoroughly before entering." Then she added, "But you'd think that with the peppery food they eat, no germ could survive. They gave us a jar of pickles from India, quarters of lemons, with the hottest sauce I ever tasted."

Kris is a doctor, who will take the latest developments in medicine back to India.

John is working on a soil testing project for the Indian government. Since coming to this country they speak beautiful English, having started to study it in the eighth grade.

The Oncays and the visitors exchanged notes on customs, dress, habits, and education. It was astonishing to Mrs. Oncay that Charlie, now 29, had been married ever since he was fourteen.

Kris knew that he would be welcome in the Oncay home. The two other men were a bit hesitant, fearing they intruded. Would foreigners be welcome? The Oncays settled that in a hurry. Another bit of international relationship leading to understanding between races and nations.

#### Cub Pack 233 Dinner

Shavertown Cub Pack 233 will hold its annual Blue and Gold Dinner Friday night at 6:30 in the Social Rooms of Shavertown Methodist Church.

A buffet dinner is planned and the arrangements were made by the Cub Pack Auxiliary, Mrs. George Shaver, Chairman. Entertainment will be furnished by H. S. Daron who will show films on Alaskan trips.

Awards will be presented to the winners of the Cub Pack Fruit Cake sales. Also, awards will be presented to Cubs who have attained their Bear rating.

### Dog Officers Open Campaign

#### Unlicensed Dogs May Mean Stiff Fine

On or about February 15 a general check-up will be started for owners of unlicensed dogs.

All persons found owning or harboring unlicensed dogs will be prosecuted without exception.

The minimum fine is \$5.00 and costs of prosecution, and the maximum fine is \$100.00 and costs, or 30 days in jail, or both.

It is not the wish of the Bureau of Animal Industry or Thomas Marshall, local enforcement officer, to make these prosecutions, and it is hoped that dog owners will take advantage of this warning and purchase their 1961 license at once.

The purpose of this check-up is to license all dogs having homes and to distinguish them from stray and homeless dogs.

The strays can then be picked up and disposed of eliminating the possibility of them causing damage to livestock and poultry and also preventing an outbreak of rabies among dogs.

All dogs not bearing a current license tag are considered strays and may be disposed of by any officer on sight.

A fee of \$2.00 is paid by the Commonwealth to officers for each stray

dog disposed of. Forms for reporting same may be secured from your local Bureau of Animal Industry officer or from the Dog Law Division, Bureau of Animal Industry, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The purchase of a license does not permit your dog to run at large unaccompanied, and it may be picked up by any officer.

So, protect your dog and respect your neighbor's property by keeping your dog confined to your own property.

### Bookmobile Is Suggested At Meeting

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the kitchen, relaxed for presentation of reports.

A social hour followed the meeting. Present were Charles Manneer, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Jenkins, L. E. Jordan, D. T. Scott, Jr., Richard Demmy, Fred Eck, Robert Bachman, Mrs. Fred Howell, Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks, Homer Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. Mae Townsend, Mrs. Harold Titman, Miss Miriam Lathrop, Miss Frances Dorrance, Myron Baker, Mrs. Herman Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grosse, Mrs. Charles Frantz, Ralph Hazeltine, Mrs. Dana Crump, Mrs. John Wilson, John Conyngham, Mrs. Thomas Hefferman, Stefan Hellersperk, Howard Risley, Frank Slaff, Mrs. Hanford Eckman, and from the Canal Zone Lt. Col. Thomas Hicks.

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## 109th Has Colorful History Dating Back To Washington's Continentals

#### The 109th Artillery, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, one of the few units of the U. S. Army able to trace its history directly to Washington's "Continental," has been awarded the combined traditional designation of the "Wyoming Valley Guards."

### Acme Fourth Largest U. S. Food Store Chain

American Stores Company is the fourth largest retail food chain in the United States and presently operates in seven eastern states and the District of Columbia. Alpha Beta Food Market, recently merged, operates in the Southern California area with its headquarters at La Habra, California. Combined sales of the two companies are now estimated at an annual rate of approximately one billion dollars. The combined Southern California operation will be conducted by Alpha Beta Acme Markets, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Stores Company, through the present personnel of Alpha Beta Food Markets, Inc.

### To Remove Water Spots In Refinishing Wood

In refinishing furniture, says Ruth Darbie, Luzerne County extension economist, water spots may show up after removing the old finish.

To remove these water marks try 4/0 steel wool saturated in denatured alcohol and rub briskly, following the grain of the wood.

Water spots can also be bleached with a solution of two ounces oxalic acid and two ounces tartaric acid to one quart of hot water. This solution is poisonous, mix carefully in a glass container, and keep it out of reach of young children.

Apply the solution to the whole surface so bleaching will be even; leave 20 minutes. Then, wash off acid with a solution of one tablespoon household ammonia to one quart cold water. Rinse with clear water and let the wood dry thoroughly.

### Local Guernsey Records

A five-year old registered Guernsey cow, property of Raymond Goeringer, Lake Louise, produced 656 pounds of butterfat in 273 days, and a junior three-year old produced 390 pounds in 305 days. Both Daylight and Hollinprincess were milked twice daily.

Official records from American Guernsey Cattle Club also show two cows from A. J. Sordoni's Sterling Farms making high records: Sterling Myrna, junior four-year old, 559 pounds of fat in 272 days; Sterling Mickey, senior three-year old, 521 pounds in 295 days, on a twice daily milking schedule.

### Farm Calendar

**More Roses** — You'll have more blooms on your roses this summer if you delay any pruning until March, remind Penn State extension floriculturists. This practice applies to all roses except the climbers, which should be pruned after they bloom.

**Be Prepared** — Best defense against a farm fire is a good fire extinguisher located in the right place. Every farm and home should be equipped with suitable hand extinguishers that are properly maintained and easily reached if needed.

**Guard Fruit Trees** — Rabbits get mighty hungry in winter, and one of their favorite targets is fruit trees. Carl Bittner, Penn State extension pomologist, suggests using wire cylinders of hardware cloth, at least two feet high and loose enough to keep rabbits away from all parts of the tree trunk. Use a stake to prevent the wire from rubbing the trunk.

**Care for Battery** — Cold weather puts an extra load on the battery of your tractor, truck or automobile. It is especially important to have the battery fully charged to take care of every need.

**Skating Helps** — Skating on the farm pond benefits fish life, according to Robert Wingard, extension wildlife management specialist. Skaters keep the snow cleared, thus permitting some sunlight to penetrate the ice and water beneath.

**Costs Higher** — Because of the increase in the average size of farms, expenditure per farm will continue to rise in 1961, according to extension farm management specialists at Penn State. Items that will tend to keep costs higher will be interest rates, taxes, wage rates and new machinery.

### Three Water Sheds

Near Coudersport in Potter County, are the sources of three watersheds, each flowing off in different directions. Headwaters for the Genesee River flow north to Lake Ontario. The Allegheny River flows east, then north, then south to Pittsburgh forming the Ohio which joins the Mississippi, eventually flowing into the Gulf of Mexico near New Orleans. The third watershed, the Susquehanna, flows southeast into Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.

"Sometimes a young man who thinks he has a girl on a string finds out too late that he has hold of a cord with a hook on the end of it." — John T. Dennis.

The action was taken by the Office of the Chief of Military History, Department of the Army, upon the request of Maj. Gen. A. J. Drexel Biddle, Adjutant General of Pennsylvania.

What is now the 109th was organized on October 17, 1775, as part of the 24th Regiment, Connecticut Militia, Wyoming Valley then being part of Connecticut.

On September 17, 1776, two companies of Pennsylvania Rifleman, organized from the 24th Connecticut, were mustered into the Continental Army as the First and Second Independent Westmoreland, or Wyoming Companies.

The two companies served in combat at Brandywine, Germantown, in the New Jersey Campaign of 1777, through the winter of 1777-1778 at Valley Forge, and in the Pennsylvania Campaigns of 1778-1779.

The Regiment as a whole was decimated at the Battle of Wyoming, July 3, 1778, while attempting to defend the Valley against a powerful force of Tories and Indians. The Continental units, by then combined into one company, arrived too late for the battle itself, but formed a rallying point for the remainder of the Regiment.

Following the Revolution, Wyoming Valley units were known successively as Colonel Hollenback's Battalion, Luzerne County Pennsylvania Militia; Third Regiment, Luzerne County Pennsylvania Militia, and 35th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia.

Part of the Regiment saw active service in the War of 1812, furnishing a number of individual gunners for the U. S. Navy at the Battle of Lake Erie.

**Mexican War**  
Two units of what by then had become the Wyoming Volunteer Regiment served, combined, in the Mexican War as Company I, First Pennsylvania Volunteers, earning battle honors for Vera Cruz and Cerro Gordo.

**Served In Civil War**  
As the 8th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, the Regiment was one of the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for volunteers in April 1861.

After completing its initial three-month term of service in the Virginia Campaign of 1861, the Regiment returned home. Reorganized and regrouped as the 143d Pennsylvania Volunteers, the Regiment re-entered Federal service in October, 1862. Under this designation, it fought in the battles of Chancellorville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor and Petersburg.

**In Lesser Conflicts**  
The Regiment served on active duty, but not in combat, during the Spanish American War and on the Mexican Border.

On July 15, 1917, the Regiment re-entered Federal Service. Two of its units had served continuously since the call to the Mexican Border in August 1916.

**World War I**  
In three months of almost continuous combat, from August 12 to November 11, 1918, the 109th lost 268 officers and men killed, wounded, gassed or injured, out of an original strength of 1500. The regimental commander, Col. Asher Miner, Pennsylvania National Guard, Wilkes-Barre, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross as were seven of his officers and men.

When one of his batteries became engaged with the enemy at rifle and machine gun range, Colonel Miner went forward and personally directed emplacement of the guns until severely wounded in the face and suffering the loss of his left leg.

All of the Regiment's original National Guard officers remained in command until killed, wounded or promoted. The battalion commanders received, on behalf of their commands, the French Croix de Guerre. Twenty-two individual officers and men also were awarded this decoration.

#### Helped During Flood

The 109th played a distinguished part in disaster relief during and following the flood of 1936.

#### World War II

On February 17, 1941, the 109th re-entered Federal service with the 28th Division. Reorganized as separate field artillery battalions, the Regiment served in the 28th and under various other commands in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Alsace and Central Europe.

In August 1950, one of these separate battalions—the 109th Field Artillery Battalion—was alerted for Federal service with the 28th Division for the Korean emergency. Thirty-three men from this battalion were killed in the train wreck at Coshocton, Ohio the following month. A large portion of the Pennsylvania National Guard remaining on State duty was mobilized in whole or in part to render honors upon return of the dead to Wilkes-Barre. The battalion trained at Camp Atterbury, Ind., and served overseas with the 28th Division in Germany.

In May, 1951, the second battalion of what is now, once again the 109th Artillery Battalion—was ordered up for duty as part of the school troops at the Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla.

The 109th was reconstituted as a regiment in June, 1959, incident to the "Pentomic" reorganization. It now consists of two howitzer battalions located at Kingston Army Depot, Pa.

Lt. Col. Tyssul G. Thomas, Forty Fort commands the First Howitzer Battalion, Lt. Col. Fletcher C. Booker, Jr., Dallas, commands the Second Howitzer Battalion.

**Stormy Day**

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