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Editorially Speaking:... TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE

For the protection of this area, residents are demanding a much heavier siren on the State Correctional Institution, and immediate warning the instant a prisoner

This is a community where a large percentage of the men are employed away from home; where women and children constitute the bulk of the daytime population; where school buses discharge little girls to walk to their homes along empty country roads.

It is a community where teen-age baby-sitters are commonly employed, sometimes until midnight; where housewives think nothing of leaving the basement door unlocked for the convenience of the ash man.

The Correctional Institution is in cold hard fact a prison for criminals who are of unsound mind, dangerous crimminals, men from their late teens to their sixties. all of them deranged.

Only a very small percentage of the population knew that Tuesday afternoon and evening, for seven hours, a prisoner was on the loose. Very few knew, six weeks ago, that a young man with a ten-inch butcher knife had held up a nurse in a convalescent home before being recaptured.

The radio stations were alerted; the siren sounded, but the wind was in the wrong direction for the bulk of area people; Jackson Township police had the word. was disseminated, little by little.

No word can get around as quickly as can the horrifying shriek of a siren. People, all of us, have a right to know when danger

We have a right to protection.

There is no place for secrecy when a dangerous criminal escapes. We must know that he is at large, and we must know at once. Tomorrow may be too late.

Tomorrow, for some innocent little girl, may never

Poet's Corner

CHARIOTEER

In the 8:00 A.M. rush or 5:00 P.M. crush Driving to or from town, you'll concur, That right from the start of This trip, you seem part of The chariot race of Ben Hur.

Our charioteers (they're born with long ears) Don't need Ben Hur's steeds to infuse 'em For while Ben had but four They've got horses galore And the Lake road's a good spot to use 'em.

The curves, he'll decide, are really quite wide An excellent spot for his passes But should he misjudge Well, trees just don't budge-

He'll propogate little green grasses. This charioteer (may his tribe disappear)

Should be told to crawl up on a shelf r voice low ned I know

> friend-TO YOURSELF. Williard G. Seaman -0-

WEEPING WILLOW TREE

et who immortalized a tree ust how ornery a tree could really be ng up its leafy arms to pray n the fresh mown lawn in most unprayerful way.

e, all summer, seems to wear t of grudges in her hair.

while, disarmingly and charmingly, seems weeping otting moves best aimed to keep me busy sweeping. e tree draws rhapsodies from folks, while being viewed uite dazzled by its sneaky charm, unmindful of our feud

omparing nature's masterpiece to poor, imperfect me Who's made a blooming martyr of an antisocial tree. The tree, I swear, enjoys my grief and laughs at my frustration

And calmly clutters up the lawn in endless variation So out of thought unprintable, there's one that merits keeping The weeping willow's sure misnamed—it's me who does the weeping. Williard G. Seaman

SAFETY VALVE

Word Of Appreciation

Because I feel we are friends. You generous in honoring me in my

helped me sa much last year with the fine articles you wrote to honor My mother, how I miss her, James Martin at the time of his Her hand I'd like to clasp, retirement.

May I address you that warmly? Then again you have been most

Ten and Twenty Years Age

IT HAPPENED 30 YEARS AGO:

School boards' were having their troubles, as Lake Township rejected Calvin McHose as principal, Kingston Township faced cancellation of reimbursement from the State because of crowded conditions not yet rectified, and Dallas Borough directors failed to see eve to eve with

East Dallas was still in the lead, swamping Beaumont.

Society of Jesus was considering establishing in the area a 6 million dollar university.

First National Bank of Dallas purchased the Reese property on Main Street for construction of a new building.

Butter was 2 pounds for 55 cents; eggs, 25 cents; soda crackers two boxes for 27 cents; tea 15 cents a quarter pound.

Barnum and Bailey, and Ringling Circuses were planning to visit Wyoming Valley.

IT HAPPENED 20 YEARS AGO:

Seven boys from the area were selected for induction into the army. They were James Glenn LaBar Thomas John Makravitz, Herbert Hill Jr., Richard James Trugden, Douglas William Riddell, and John Maxwell Carle.

Melvin Mosier was killed in the first fatal accident on the new highway. Daniel Murray Edwards, Alderson, was driver of the car which struck the Kunkle man's light delivery truck on Memorial Day.

Residents of Goss Manor petitioned Wilkes-Barre Transit to extend bus routes to their area. H. Austin Snyder, supervising

principal of Lehman Schools, was subject of a Know-Your-Neighbor. Forty lots were brought down to grade level when Banks Construction Co. excavated high banks bordering the spur highway at the Y

leading into Dallas. Dallas, Woman's Club was planning to open a dental clinic for school-children of Dallas, Kingston and Dallas Townships, with Dr. Robert Bodycomb in charge. Banks Construction Co. paid \$23

first class postage on a package of machine parts, when a letter was ound enclosed in the package, subjecting it to first class instead of fourth class postage.

Arthur Miers, Lehman, died at 25 from septic poisoning.

Tommy Dew.

ian Church in Wilkes-Barre.

Harry Snyder.

farmer, died at 57. IT HAPPENED 10 YEARS AGO:

Local high schools graduated their Nuss salutatorian.

Among those who demonstrated George Bulford, and A/J Sordoni. The Fred Welchs were celebrat-

ing their silver wedding.

80th birthday. Library Auction solicitation start-

bride of Robert E. Smith. William Whipp.

I deeply appreciate all this as

relations in its community. Again I thank you.

Pearl M. Averett

IN MEMORIAM MY MOTHER

Her face was full of sunshine Her eyes were always bright, She always said such nice things, Made others feel all right.

She had a certain goodness That showed her many ways, Her family she loved for Her love to give always.

But I know she's far much better In the hands of God at last. By Mrs. Roger Carey,

R. D. 2. Dallas, Pa

Pillar To Post . . .

Things were buzzing around the Paul Dugan household Friday night, though as darkness deepened, the buzzing subsided to a throaty murmur, and the bees settled down into a state of coma for the night, their wings dampened by the gathering dew.

The Dugans are inured to bees. Three years ago they had a swarm under the clapboards, and though honey did not drip down into the living room and form a pool on the floor as it did some years ago in a house in Tunkhannock, the workers were excessively busy at the height of the of the season, and it was a cinch that they were laying up golden treasure somewhere within the frame-work.

Mr. Dugan took measures. He sealed up the exits, and the bees smothered happily in their own honey.

So it was no novelty when another swarm, attracted perhaps by the still pervasive aroma of honey alongside the chimney, lighted on the side of the house Friday night and prepared to set up housekeeping. There was the most microscopic of holes, but the bees, by patient nosing, enlarged it, and zoom, the entire swarm dribbled happily into the hole at early dawn.

Mrs. Dugan followed established custom. She called the Dallas Post.

What to do about the bees?? Ah ves. Bees. Filed under B. It used to be simple enough. Mr. Rood always knew who would come and persuade the bees to leave, but here we were, on

But let's see. About a week ago, there was some talk of a kid out at Harveys Lake who knew all about bees, and would welcome another hive.

"Mrs. Dugan, there's a Bobby something or other who can handle the situation, but I can't for the life of me remember his last name. Call Mrs. Stuart Marks. She knows who it is. And if she doesn't answer her phone, I'll drive over to the Dallas Post and find Bobby's name. It's buried under some church notices.'

And that was that.

Until Tuesday morning.

Tuesday morning Bobby Wintersteen appeared in the office to

talk about bees. It developed that he had visited the Dugan home Saturday morning, found that the bees had all disappeared into the hole

alongside the chimney, and were apparently well adjusted. The Dugans were less well adjusted. If somebody could persuade the bees to leave, well and good, They'd hate to snuff out the lives of millions of bees, but they did not relish the idea of living surrounded by honeycomb and the pulsating rhythem of wings. The aperture could be sealed up again, and the swarm entombed.

"I can trap them and take them away," quoth Bobby. He explained about bees. No chance of getting the queen out, he said, but he could gas the old queen through the entrance, and she'd die right away without ever knowing what hit her. And the workers, he could entrap on their way out to forage for honey, and they could't get back again under the clapboards.

It would take several days to trap them all, but by Friday morning he would be ready to take off the trap, install the bees in a hive, and present them with a new queen.

So tomorrow morning, Jimmie Kozemchak, Post photographer, has a date with Bobby Wintersteen and the Dugans, while the transfer is accomplished. And in about another week, the Post will have a nice feature

story on bees. Where do you buy a queen bee? And does she come wrapped in cellophane, cotton wool, or in a cage? Stay tuned.

Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer - D. A. Waters

along fine as a boxer in the Newark Law", is a common remark facing ceived the idea of a personal misarea, fighting under the name of the do-gooders who got behind the sion, at his own expense, to intermovement to trade to Castro Amer- view both the English and French CBS has experienced this kind of Professor Ernest E. Wood was ican Tractors and bulldozers in authorities, many of whose leading trouble before. James Arness of honored for thirty years of service exchange for Cubans held prisoner men he knew personally, and try "Gunsmoke" and Richard Boone of as organist of Memorial Presbyter- by Castro. "The Logan Law" is to calm things down. Jefferson, upon "Have Gun Will Travel" received Violet Kline became the bride of Logan, a prominent Pennsylvanian, the purpose of the trip, gave him tracts. whose excellent qualities and ac- a letter: Faith Kocher was wed to John complishments have been lost sight "I, Thomas Jefferson, do hereby "The Americans" is the brother of of in remembering only the time certify that George Logan, the bear-based bis when he became a do-gooder and er hereof, who is about to visit as "Dobie Gillis." Darryl is 29 and

Norris by a Quaker ceremony.

the teaching profession. I do feel that high standards of our schools do in a large measure depend upon the teaching staff.

Paris, talking freely with file and of the Directory. He received a pledge of peace and some relaxation of French harassment. When the local newspaper recog- ered politics by election to the state ized farmers improvement clubs, made extensive experiments on his own farm, using oxen as power. He studied bee keeping and animal husbandry, emphasized the use of manure and land plaster, and acquired

A young transient worker living nearby came down with smallpox. The family fled leaving the young patient alone. Logan bundled him

incurred the wrath of most of the Europe on matters of business, is Dwayne is 27. Albert Mekeel, Lehman dairy governing men in the country, many a citizen of the Commonwealth of Dwayne has been acting since he of whom had been his most intimate Pennsylvania and United States of was a youngster. When he got too America, of one of the most ancient old for juvenile roles and wasn't re-George Logan was a grandson of and respectable families of the said ceiving any calls for adult roles, he James Logan, secretary to and per- commonwealth, of independent fort- entered Loyola University in Los representative of William une, good morals, irreproachable Angeles and turned to his longseniors, and school was almost out Penn. His father William and sub- conduct, and true civism; and as time vocation of writing. He befor everybody. Kingston Township's sequently George, himself, inher-Valedictorian was Ronald Scott ited from James a farm of five attention of all those who, from magazine, won a national intercol-Woolcok; salutatorian, Frederick hundred acres in North Philadel- principles of humanity, or a desire legiate play-writing contest and was William Nicely. Ann Palmer was phia called Stenton. All the Logans to attach to their country the regraduated with a B.S. in English. valedictorian at Lehman, Ronald were Quakers and progressive farmers, friends of the Indians, educated, selves in seeing the protection and the Army, he produced, wrote and A huge crowd attended the Grass- and active in public affairs. The hospitality of their laws entended performed in numerous servicelands Festival at Sterling Farms. Logan boys were sent abroad for to a worthy and unoffending men's shows with a fellow soldier, college and university training, stranger placed under their safe- Gordon Hunt, who is now his partwere Charles Long, Joseph Skopic, George becoming a physician after guard. Given under my hand and ner in several civilian enterprises. the death of his older brother and seal, at Philadelphia, this 4th day He has written five scripts for the

Dale Warmouth had a poem in a new anthology. Dale is a freshman at Wilkes College.

Was Tory in his sympathies. His property "Stenton" was about wrecked during the war. Washington had made headquarters there to had made headquarters there are some land for expense money in good after getting his partner, Hunt, currently are letters of introduction from the French consul in Philadelphia, selling some land for expense money in good after getting his partner, Hunt, currently are letters of introduction from the French consul in Philadelphia, selling some land for expense money in good after getting his partner, Hunt, currently are peddling a TV series pilot, and the property to have a some land for expense money in good after getting his partner, his property are peddling a TV series pilot, and the property to have a some land for expense money in good and the property was about the went to have a some land for expense money in good and the property was about the property to his property to his property are peddling a TV series pilot, and the property to his property to hi Michael J. Kocher observed his before the Battle of the Brandywine and other preparations. When his Darryl says he loves acting but and Howe afterward. While the absence was discovered, during the "It is writing that has given me a opposing generals probably did little time the infamous "Alien and Sedifull sense of security. With that damage, subsequently the vacant contains and debate, in you don't have to depend on any-Eleanor Doberstein became the place was pillaged before he reride of Robert E. Smith.

Namery Febringers was a great furore. Official diplomatic agents in Europe
turned home. His sympathy now
were alerted spies were rut on the place was pillaged before he returned home. His sympathy now the Dutch government to arrest Gun, Will Travel." a personal favor to me as well as the honor you, at the same time, give to honor you, at the same time, give to leave the honor you, at the same time, give to leave the honor you, at the same time, give to leave the honor you, at the same time, give to leave the honor you, at the same time, give to leave the honor you, at the same time, give to leave the honor you, at the same time, give to leave the honor you, at the same time, give to leave the honor you, at the same time, give to leave the honor you, at the same time, give to leave the honor you, at the same time, give to leave the honor you, at the same time, give to leave the honor you, at the same time, give to leave the honor you. the teaching profession. I do feel ington, Jefferson, and other not- Paris, talking freely with members own show which is sixth in the

Regular government officials from Senior Women Plan when the local newspaper recog-nizes the school workers as you do legislature on the Republican ticket, President John Adams down were Mid-Summer Dance it proves our schools are of high the party of Jefferson. At the time furious. Even Ex-President George standards and have excellent public he endorsed the Jefferson views Washington, who had much vis-

with inpunity. To Hold Covered Dish

up and took him into his own house. Methodist W.S.C.S. will be held Ben. H. Edwards, and the hostess. This and other kindly acts made him Tuesday, June 13, in the church, known also as "The Good Doctor". 12:30. Those attending should bring others, feeling they were not doing and desert will be served.

WILL GEORGE A. and EDITH ANN BUREE

THE ROARING TWENTIES -Rex Reason is leaving the cast after this season. The reason he gives is that he won't participate in more shoot-'em-up episodes which the series will emphasize next season.

Another explanation could be that Dorothy Provine hereafter will be getting more attention and a bigger part in the Saturday-night series Now that the leading man is, leaving, it looks as though copy boy Gary Vinson will be promoted to re-

BARBARA BILLINGSLEY, who plays the mother of Beaver and Wally in the "Leave It to Beaver" show in real life has two sons, Drew 18, and Brud. 16.

She was widowed in 1955 when she lost her husband, Roy Kellino, a prominent film and television director. She remarried on June 28, 1959 to Dr. William Mortensen, well-known physician in the Santa Monica-Los Angeles area.

Most TV fans admit that until the Beaver show they never knew Barbara Billingsley. But back in 1955 she co-starred with Steve Dunne in 'Professional Father.'

It was from this show that she was considered for the Beaver show. Barbara explains why she thinks the show has been such a success is that all the situations are based on things which really happened to some member of the cast or to one of the writers or producers. All of the stories are believable because they've actually happened.

Barbara was born in Los Angeles and attended Washington High School with Ester Williams. Her favorite pastimes are reading and cooking for her family.

JOHN DALY is expected to take over this summer when Dave Garroway leaves the "Today" show. Because he is a professional TV newsman it is expected that there will be more emphasis on the news when he takes over. Frank Blair will still handle the news segments with Daly concentrating on inter-

MORE MONEY FOR PERRY MA-SON - Evidently Raymond Burr believes that high ratings go-with high salary. For some time he has been threatening to quit his television role as Perry Mason.

Under a renegotiation of a contract that still has a year to run, Mr. Burr and CBS agreed on a twoyear extension with an option on a "Accused of violating the Logan enough to keep the peace. He re- third. How much of an increase he

about the only memorial to George request, without knowing in full financial improvements in new con-

several lost years in business. He was abroad during most of the was abroad during most of the spiracy and put a watch ever I care.

He has written five scripts for the Loretta Young show, the latest one seen on Sunday, June 4. He sold Lake Township Game Protective Revolution but like most aristocrats was abroad during most of the spiracy and put a watch over Logan another to Hawaiian another to Hawaiian his partner, Hunt, currently are letters of introduction from the

Nancy Fahringer was wed to with the patriots, Logan, as a Quaker, entered heartily into re-Quaker, entered heartly into re-lief work. In 1781 he married Debby Newric by a Quaker ceremony.

A meeting of the general combut in later years cooled to many of ited Logah's home and had jogged mittee for the summer dance of them. He became well known to Logan's little boy on his knee, ber- Dallas Senior Woman's Club was Very truly yours, most of the national and state ated him soundly. And Congress held recently at the home of Mrs. leaders. In the meantime he organ-rushed through the "Logan Law" George McCutcheon. Mrs. Jack although it took twenty-three days, Rogers, General Chairman presided. mostly of hot debate, some secret, "Around the World" was the theme to get it to President John Adams. decided on for this dance, which It was made a crime, and still is, will be held July 15th at Irem for a private citizen to attempt to Temple Country Club Pavilion.

make peace for the country. How-Reservations are in charge of Mrs. the title, "The best farmer in Penn- ever a citizen may provoke war Walter Phillips, Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Kenneth Bayliss and Mrs. Norman Schoell. Present were Mesdames Marion Harter, William Clewell, Henry Moyer, Edward Rat-Final meeting, until fall, of Dallas cliffe, Walter Phillips, Jack Rogers,

"In spite of what you hear, what In 1798 a war swept the country. table service and a covered dish. we have been going through is not Logan began to lose faith in Jeffer- Mrs. Raymon Hedden is chairman of a recession. It's just a boom and son, now vice president, and some the hostess committee. Beverage somebody lowered it." - Edgar R. Apking, Onaway (Mich.) News.

personal and a service and a s Looking at Barnyard Notes

ALVERTAL STATES OF THE 272 artillery pieces mustered at Gettysburg on July 1, 2 and 3, 1863 by the Army of Northern Virginia, and the 362 pieces brought to that Adams County field, by the Army of the Potomac, none has more significance for those of us in Luzerne County than the guns of Batteries F. and G., 1st Pennsylvania Light Artillery commanded by Robert Bruce Ricketts.

You can still see them there—or similar guns—standing above the stone wall beneath the shadowing elms of East Cemetery Hill, where ninety-eight years ago the Union artillery on the evening of the second day made its bold stand against the savage thrusts of

Brave, reckless men they were who stormed those batteries and almost captured them in hand-to-hand combat. But of the 1.700 who made the charge 1,400 were killed, wounded or captured. The Louisiana Tigers—so feared at Second Bull Run—were never again known as an organization.

Of Scottish descent, Robert Bruce Ricketts was born at Orangeville, Columbia County in 1839. He was studying for admission to the bar in the spring of 1861 when the Civil War broke out, but enlisted for a term of three years as a private in Battery F of the First Light Artillery, Forty-Third Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. Battery F was composed mainly of volunteers from Columbia and Montour counties.

His brother William W. Ricketts became Colonel of the 36th Regiment Infantry, Sixth Pennsylvania Reserves. Company A of that regiment, recruited in Columbia County, was known as the "Iron

Bruce Ricketts was mustered into service on July 8, 1861 and, on the fifth of the following month, was commissioned First Lieutenant of Battery F. He was underfire for the first time, December 20, 1861, in an engagement with a body of the enemy on the

upper Potomac. The battery soon became known as Ricketts Battery. General Henry J. Hunt, Chief of Artillery of the Army of the Potomac, in a communication to the artillery commander of the First Corps said: "None of your batteries are in bad order—the only corps so reported. The batteries in the best order are Reynolds L, First New

York; Ricketts' F, First Pennsylvania and Lepperne's Fifth Maine." Some weeks later Battery G of the First Pennsylvania Artillery was attached to Battery F. and Bruce Ricketts was made captain in command of the consolidated batteries, comprising three commissioned officers and one hundred and forty-one non-commissioned officers and men.

It formed a part of the Artillery Reserve of the Army of the Potomac at Gettysburg meaning, of course, that it was unattached to any division but could be moved at will to any part of the field where it would be most useful. There it was placed on East Cemetery Hill close to the town.

In the midst of the general action late in the afternoon of July 2, the famous Confederate brigades commanded by Brigadier Generals Hays and Archer, composed of five regiments of Louisiana infantry . . . formed in the streets of Gettysburg. Suddenly and unexpectedly, with fiendish yells, they, charged Ricketts and his

supporting infantry. As soon as Ricketts discovered the desperate Rebel columns, moving on his position, he charged his pieces with grape and canister and poured forth deadly volleys. The Union infantry supports lying behind the stone wall in front fled in despair—and so the brunt of the attack fell on Ricketts. The young captain, with an iron hand, kept every man at his post and every gun in full play-and the terrible "Tigers" were beaten back!

A Union soldier, present at the time, later wrote: "Many of them endured the deadly and destructive missiles, and reaching the 11th Corps line, soon forced their way over the stone wall, and in less time than I can tell the story, they reached the top actually leaping over our men. They yelled and charged up the hill, and captured Wiedrick's Battery. Then it is they yell and charge southward over the second stone wall, and capture the two left guns of Rickett's Battery, and attempt to spike the same; but Rickett's men will not yield to it. Then occurs the hand-to-hand struggle on Cemetery Hill, where they use ramrods, gun swabs, hand-spikes, the butts of muskets, stones and even their fists. It is then that Lieut. Brockway brains a "Tiger" with a stone; another is brained with a handspiké, while still another is beaten to death

"It is then that General Hancock (another great Pennsylvanian, Commander of the 2nd Corps) again comes to the rescue by sending Carroll's Brigade to reinforce our men on Cemetery Hill. Then it is we charge and drive down the hill what is left of the "Tigers". Six of Ricketts men were killed, three captured and fourteen

officers and men were wounded. 1, 1864 Ricketts was January 1865, he was put in command of the Artillery of the Ninth Corps Army of the Potomac. He was promoted to Colonel of the First Pennsylvania Artillery March 15, 1865. and was honorably discharged on June 3, 1865 after the conclusion of the war.

Shortly thereafter at the age of twenty-seven he located in Luzerne County—there to remain for the rest of his life. Not long after the war, Col. Ricketts came into possession of vast tracts of virgin woodland on North Mountain in Luzerne, Wyoming and Sullivan counties. Where, quoting Harvey-Smith

History, "for a number of years subsequently to 1892-alone and in partnership with others—he carried on an extensive business in the manufacture and sale of Lumber. Later he converted a part of this ample North Mountain Estate, including Lake Genoga, into a handsome and attractive place of residence where for the last twenty years of his life he and his

family spent the greater part of each year." Col. Ricketts died at Lake Genoga on November 13, 1918 and just six days later Mrs. Ricketts, the former Elizabeth Reynolds of Kingston, died at the family residence in Wilkes-Barre. According to their wishes they were buried side by side at a spot on North

Mountain which they selected. The Harvey-Smith History says of him: "Col. Ricketts possessed an abundance of cheerfulness and geniality and was greatly beloved. He was ever a modest man, and it was a matter of great difficulty to get him to talk about himself and his achievements either as a soldier or civilian.

HOMETOWN AMERICA

