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## Editorially Speaking:..

### BACK MOUNTAIN, OR BACK WOODS?

A building program for Lake-Lehman School District is mandatory if two buildings are not to be closed because of fire hazards.

Pennsylvania Board of Labor and Industry is willing to close its eyes temporarily to grave deficiencies if a building program which will take care of everything is in the making.

Otherwise, the Lake Township building will be slapped shut, and the shop and elementary sections at Lehman will not be able to open.

The department will take no chances on fire hazards for children.

If the program for rectification of present fire hazards begins to roll in earnest, along with a building program to relieve pressure of student population, there will be a stay of execution.

Petitions are being circulated to remove Lake Township from the five-way jointure. Residents may as well face the unpleasant fact that even if the district were removed from the jointure, this would not cancel out the necessity for a building and improvement program. And such removal would immediately result in drastic reduction of State reimbursement.

Cancellation of a necessary building program at this time would not only be disastrous because of closing of school buildings, but would result in greatly increased cost when the inevitable building must be put up.

Education is the solid foundation of any community. It costs money.

Is Back Mountain to be a synonym for Back Woods?

### The New "Miss Universe"

It was heartening to find that a beautiful and state-ly German girl had been selected as Miss Universe at the annual Beauty Pageant in Miami.

Heartening, because little by little, nations are bursting their narrow boundaries, leaving behind them insular prejudices and convictions, realizing that all nations and all people are indeed brothers in a world where comradeship and understanding loom ever more important.

Those who remember the first World War will recollect that people of German extraction, no matter how greatly they had contributed to the American scene, were hounded out of their employment, shunned socially, made to feel that their culture and traditions were anathema.

A gentle professor in a leading woman's college, was regretfully asked to resign, because his name was clearly Germanic in origin, and parents, inflamed by hate, considered him unworthy to teach their growing daughters.

Even the lowly hamburger lost its name and became Salisbury Steak, a tribute to misplaced zeal and distorted patriotism.

Those who watched television a few nights ago, knew that no mistake had been made in selection of "The most beautiful girl in the world." Marlene Schmidt looked truly regal as she accepted her crown.

### Penna. Highway Department Issues '61 Road Map

The 1961 edition of the Pennsylvania road map may be obtained without charge from the State Department of Highways in Harrisburg.

A principal feature of the map is that it shows the approximately 80 route number changes made this spring throughout the state as part of a program to simplify, rationalize and integrate the numbered route system.

A new feature of the map this year is a guide to the names of interchanges along toll-free express highways as well as along the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The guide lists the numbers of the intersecting highways and a code to find the location on the map. This feature will be of considerable value to motorists who will use the super-highway systems this year.

The cover photograph of the map shows a portion of the City Line Interchange of the Schuylkill Expressway in Philadelphia. The other

## ONLY YESTERDAY

Ten and Twenty Years Ago  
In The Dallas Post

### IT HAPPENED 30 YEARS AGO:

Arthur Kiefer fell sixteen feet from a scaffold while working on the Whip-farm, and was taken to Nesbitt Hospital with a broken back, after being seen by Dr. Sherman Schooley. Brickel's ambulance transported Mr. Kiefer.

Rose Patton of Noxen was wed to Albert Tonkin Jr. of Forty Fort. Estimate of cost of construction of a link in the highway between Wyoming Avenue and Luzerne, part of the Harveys Lake highway, was \$60,000.

Dallas nine took East Dallas 4 to 0, while Shavertown kept up its winning pace by defeating Beaumont.

A Noxen inventor, Willard Jones, invented a fly screen that would let flies out, but not in. He was also the inventor of non-skid nut used widely at Payne's Colliery.

Thomas Rowlands' place in Fernbrook was raided by the local constabulary, and moonshine confiscated.

Robert Frynn of Carverton took as his bride Mabel Zimmerman of Wilkes-Barre.

Mrs. Elizabeth Denmon of Beaumont was feted on her 70th birthday by her family.

Survey of a bridge at Holcomb's Grove, gave hope that a new Trucksville-Dallas highway might be in the making.

Federal agents found contraband liquor in seven places at Harveys Lake and Lake Silkworth.

Marie Bond Platt, 33, of Huntsville, died following surgery.

Raspberries constituted a bumper crop. Engelman's Fruit Farm in Noxen advertised that they were cheaper than in years. Bread was five cents a loaf, tall cans of evaporated milk, 3 for 22 cents.

### IT HAPPENED 20 YEARS AGO:

A memorial scholarship to Amelia Earhart was founded in California. Could it be that long ago that the intrepid flyer was lost somewhere in the vast Pacific?

Aluminum was collected for defence, a good haul from the Back Mountain.

Vern Lacy was interviewed for a Know-Your-Neighbor column which said, "He's been an architect so long that the Forty Fort community building and the new wings at College Misericordia come from his drawing board as a matter of course."

The new State highway posed traffic problems at the Y in Trucksville, and Kingston Township was asked to put special police to guard the intersection. This was before there was a blinker light.

WPA funds were beginning to be cut back, with returning prosperity and threat of war ever nearer.

Bundles for Britain were being sought in Dallas.

Draft lottery in Washington loomed ahead. Serial numbers were assigned to forty local candidates. Drawing was to take place as it did in the fall of 1940, from a bowl in Washington D.C.

Atty. B. B. Lewis was appointed by Dallas Borough Council to take the place of the late Arthur Turner.

Beaver and other trapping were forbidden and antlerless deer season was cancelled for the fall. The great deer herd was diminishing.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Brown, descendant of the pioneers, was buried from her home on Parrish Street, Rev. Francis Freeman officiating.

Elizabeth Ohlman became the bride of Willard Neuls at the Harry Ohlman home.

Janet Louise Thomas was wed to William S. Lee, Jr.

Mrs. Mary E. Kocher, Harveys Lake native, died at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Alice Waterstripe, 59, died at her home in Sweet Valley. She was wife of Rev. E. J. Waterstripe, local minister.

Clifford T. Gay, 65, was buried in Carverton Cemetery.

Twenty women went back to work on the WPA Dallas sewing project, after a two-week shutdown. The project had been in operation for five years, with materials supplied by the Borough at a cost of \$50 per month.

### IT HAPPENED 10 YEARS AGO:

Plans for the Labor Day Lehman Horse-Show were under way, with Lester B. Squier named as chairman, assisted by Lewis Ide. Show chairman was Gilbert Tough, with Herman Thomas, Dave Pugh, H. R. Bittenbender, and Dyke Brown assisting. Mrs. L. C. Sutton was chairman of the Auxiliary, in charge of dinner.

These well-worshipped sightseers, dripping wet with the bad news, were among the first to reach here after the rout.

President Lincoln is reported to have told one: "Congratulations; you have beaten the Army back."

Customers of Dallas-Shavertown Water Co. were asked to use water sparingly. The dry spell during the spring when the water table is usually replenished, coupled with extremely dry weather early in July, was responsible.

Kiwanis and YMCA were completing plans for a circus in the Back Mountain.

Pioneer Avenue was resurfaced, and immediately thereafter, motorists from town, taking what they considered a short-cut to the Lake, started speeding along it. Betty Jane Rebennack of Loyal-

## Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer—D. A. Waters

With a large volume of poultry products being sold, it would seem that poultry raising would be a very profitable business. However, those with knowledge of the facts state that this is not so, particularly for the small operator.

Recently we encountered an acquaintance who had kept hens as a main occupation for thirty years. He had a small place, only about five acres. He had some small fruit and planted a garden. His equipment was up to date as of the time he started. A good spring was equipped with a pump to provide an adequate supply of very good water. He built a two-story laying house, had separate brooder houses, pullet shelters, etc.

He maintained a laying flock of about eight hundred Leghorns at all times. Each year he bought five hundred mixed pullets, as baby chicks in the earlier years, later as started pullets a few weeks old. As the young pullets came into laying season he culled his older hens to keep the size of his flock at about eight hundred.

Eggs were sold through two steady outlets in the metropolitan New York area, shipped regularly a few cases at a time to insure

ville expected to train in physiotherapy at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

League of Women Voters compiled a list of candidates, with their qualifications, which was published in the Dallas Post as a community service.

Robert Van Horn, of Lake Street and Harveys Lake, was the subject of a Know-Your Neighbor column.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cairl, Cemetery Street, celebrated their 60th Anniversary with a family gathering.

Audrey Kleiner of Kingston became the bride of Preston Sturdevant of Huntsville.

Reunions included Sickler and Garnett families.

A resuscitator purchased by Lake Lions for use of the Lake Firemen, earned its board and keep when used to restore Red Murphy of Noxen, who developed a cramp while swimming at the Lake. Fred Swanson officiated.

Dallas Franklin schools expected 447 elementary pupils.

freshness. One of the outlets gave him a guaranteed premium price, the other was an auction paying the current market for all eggs submitted, regardless of the number, so he never lost any due to lack of market.

All care of the flock was done by him personally, no help being employed. Leghorns are a nervous breed and he felt this was necessary to maintain the best production. Consequently his full time was required so that any vacation at all was rare, and then was taken with misgiving.

Accurate records were kept from the very first of all expenses and receipts. Feed and other costs climbed steadily over the years. Income dropped so the spread decreased almost annually.

Finally his annual figures showed that for the entire calendar year his receipts less expenses left him for the year of steady and confining work the grand total of one dollar and fifteen cents (\$1.15). He closed up business as soon as possible. That year he had to sell out his laying hens for fifty cents each, when the year before he paid fifty-five cents each for them as started pullets.

In telling another poultryman about his closing out for the reason of the small income, his friend said, "You were lucky. I actually lost \$2,000 on my broilers last year."

Recently we commented in this column on the professionally unemployed and have since encountered a still more strutting case. A husky two-hundred pounder showed up to work for two weeks in the last half of May while a regular employee was on vacation. He said he had not worked a single day since December, his only activity being to report at the established place to sign up for unemployment benefits.

By the union rules governing his employment he would have been entitled to work at least part time but he had not bothered. He said he had no car to get around.

This did not sit well with me. For over forty years I managed to get around by walking, horse and buggy, trains, street cars, busses, and taxicabs. Seems that such transportation is not good enough for the younger set.

## Safety Valve

GOOD INSURANCE

Dear Howard:

I wish to take this opportunity belatedly to express my deepest thanks and gratitude to the Dallas Ambulance Crew, who responded so quickly on the night of June 30th at about 11:30 p.m. to take my wife to the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia.

In about no time at all a crew was organized by Don Bulford with the following men responding, Bob Block, John Sheehan and Lance Jarrett. The trip was made by John Sheehan and Lance Jarrett as the drivers.

I cannot give enough praise to those people who I am sure gave up their sleep or other activities they might have been engaged in when the call was made.

My wife is alive to-day only because of the promptness and willingness of men like those mentioned above and a Community with an unselfish motive and a golden heart that helps support and maintain an ambulance on a 24-hour call all year round.

If it hadn't been for the ambulance, I doubt if my wife would have lasted the next 24 hours. I know what a community ambulance means. I had to call on it three times in a little over two years, twice to Philadelphia and once to Kingston.

I wish people would realize how little a \$5.00 contribution is to support an ambulance and yet how big it is when every one gives. A community ambulance is the best thing that could be part of any community. I am glad that I am part of a community that has one I hope I never have to use it but it's good to know that it is there when you need it.

Andrew Kozemchak

Editor's note: Having a community ambulance is like insurance. You hope you won't need it, but if you do, there it is. It's worth the annual donation to have your mind set at rest. And if you don't need it, so much the better.

### MORE ABOUT DOLLS

#### Safety Valve

This is a "waste not, want not" program, letting the wonderful people behind our doll and material drive know what their co-operation and support has done.

\$108.00 was raised on dolls novelties and clothing sets.

One dozen small dolls not sold will be sent to the children's home or a hospital; this by agreement of all donors for dolls. The ten inch dolls will be sold before Xmas to pay expenses for material used in quilts, childrens cloths and doll clothes.

All pieces of wool, cotton corduroy, pique in pieces one-half yard and over will be used for children's clothes for the children's home.

All small pieces of velvet, heavy and light weight, will be used for doll's gowns and crazy quilt bed spreads.

All small pieces of wool will be used for Vets lap robes and all pieces of sheeting and white percales, will be used for doll quilts.

All strips of material will be pinked, washed, ironed and packed for cancer bandage workers. We will continue to accept your dolls in good re-conditioning shape and are asking for dolls from the smallest baby doll jenny and dolls of this type for models. We have old dolls of most every size a child will want clothes for.

Send your nylon stockings to Mrs. Frank Kuehn, all winter. Let's keep her busy!

I would like all the pieces of material I can get in plain percale, small flowers and polka dot dotted swiss. Animals and figurines or doll cloth and crepes and outing flannel for pajamas.

I would like satin pieces for dolls and quilt spread. If you have small amounts of cotton, Mrs. Williams can use it for rag dolls with nylon.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Arthur Newman

### Bell Telephone Strike Possible

The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania is faced with the possibility that 15,400 of its employees may go on strike when their contracts terminate August 2.

The main area for dispute between the company and the 2,400 accounting department workers and 13,000 production and plant employees is automation. Since the start of the year Bell has been using a giant data processing computer at its Conshohocken plant. Bell expects to use the new computer to bill the entire Eastern Pennsylvania District.

I. C. Glendinning, chief negotiator for the workers accused Bell of trying "to enjoy eating both ends of the cake, that is, introducing automation at an unprecedented rate and paying the remaining employees the lowest wage rates." A company representative answered that there is substantial agreement on wage issues but there are "unresolved differences over job slotting of certain work operations."

### Easter Lily Bears 23 Blossoms In July

An Easter lily, which bloomed vigorously early in the spring as a house plant, and was transplanted outdoors when danger of frost was past, is now again abundantly in bloom, with twenty-three flowers, in the yard of the Ryman home on Mt. Airy Road. Henry Hill, a florist, says it is phenomenal.

## From

## Pillar To Post...

Twenty years ago in the Dallas Post, Hix had her first column in print. That should call some kind of a celebration, perchance to the sweet music of the popping of champagne corks, but something tells me that it will ooze quietly into history, minus champagne, minus anything except the terse comment from headquarters that Hix should have been turned out to pasture long ago.

It was a historic occasion. A son, helping get out an issue of the Dallas Post as a summer project, made a long distance call to Kingston, and got Mom on the phone.

"Lookit," he quoth, "I need something for the front page. Got a big hole here. Write something and bring it out to Dallas, huh?"

It sounded intriguing. "What kind of a something? literary? funny? housewifelyish?" I inquired cautiously.

"Av shucks," soothed the engaging voice at the other end of the line, "it doesn't make any difference what you write. It's just to fill up space. Any old thing will do."

And then he added, "Who's going to read it anyhow?" This seemed a reasonable assumption, and cheered by the thought that the subject matter need not be literary, or even readable, I launched happily into a reminiscence of how bathing suits used to look, proof-read it sketchily, and ran it out to Dallas in the little blue Oldsmobile.

I've been doing it ever since, month after month, year after year, and sometimes I wonder where I got material for it. But something always turns up... as it did today when I opened a bound volume of July 18, 1941, and found the evidence on the front page.

And in case you want to know what that bathing suit looked like, it was bright red with a sailor collar. The chassiss was black stockings hitched to a garment unmentionable in those modest times, and white bathing shoes and a bandanna finished off the confection.

But in 1910, that outfit was extremely daring, because it ended at the knee, whereas all conventional ladies bobbed up and down at the edge of the water arrayed in blue brilliantine, shin length, with capacious bloomers peeping from beneath as the little waves sported around the shins.

How any girl learned to swim is beyond me, but swim we did, weighted down with surplus yardage, but staying afloat doggedly, and having ourselves a time. The stockings had a tendency to bag at the knees, but modesty required that the nether limbs (that's the way legs used to be termed) be clad in something completely nontransparent... Born thirty years soon, that's my sad conclusion.

## Barnyard Notes

U.S. Route 11, that great north and south artery stretching from the gateway to Montreal at Rouse's Point in the Lake Champlain country to storied New Orleans on the Gulf of Mexico, traverses the heartland of American history.

On Saturday morning, our twenty-sixth wedding anniversary, Myra and I headed the Thunderbird south on ELEVEN along the placid Susquehanna through country where Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia have contributed their share to the glory of one of the nation's great highways.

The tiger lilies now are at their peak, beckoning in endless line at the roadside as it skirted along the old Pennsylvania Canal between the river and the lush emerald beauty of the forested foothills of the Blue Ridge on the right. The Pennsylvania Department of Highways has transplanted many of these native wildflowers, among them the dainty pink Bouncing Bet and the rich azure Chickory from its nurseries on the West Branch below Lewisburg.

Further down from Carlisle on through Maryland, the lilies and Chickory would be augmented by colorful stands of old fashioned hollyhocks in front of every farm home, in the angles made by split rail fences, and in profusion along the hedgerows. And in Virginia the blazing orange trumpet vine peeped from beneath the overhanging locusts!

Down through the river towns made famous by Indians and pre-revolutionary pioneers, we travelled past old Fort Augusta and crossed the great Shamokin Warrior Path that once led to the Sixth Nation Country and Niagara in New York State. A nod to Northumberland—home of the great English scientist Priestly. There was no time to stop and dream a little—and you must dream to make history come alive!

Another time would have to do for these and such Pennsylvania places as Carlisle and Chambersburg, famous frontier towns before the Revolution and steeped in the history of the Gettysburg campaign and Jub Early's raid... each worthy of a day themselves.

But Saturday we were headed for Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, the U. S. Arsenal town made famous by the John Brown raid in 1859, and by the later exploits of Col. Turner Ashby of the Confederate cavalry, General Stonewall Jackson and his foot cavalry; General Phil Sheridan and other greats of the War Between The States.

This trip was the direct result of a book given us by Joe MacVeigh; "Kathy of Catacbin", first published in 1886 and recently republished by the Cambridge, Maryland, Press. It, along with "The Road to Harper's Ferry" by Furnas, and "The Man Who Killed Lincoln" by Philip VanDoran Stern, are sufficient background to make any American want to wander over the hillsides of Harper's Ferry at the confluence of the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers, the gateway to the west and on the mainline of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

Harper's Ferry is reached by leaving Route 11 at Hagerstown, Maryland, and travelling some twenty miles on Route 65 through Sharpsburg and the Battlefield at Antietam. Just off the beaten path thronged by bear can strewing tourists, Sharpsburg and Harper's Ferry are two of the least spoiled historic shrines in America. Unlike Gettysburg, which is better marked, but spoiled by a commercial and carnival atmosphere, Harper's Ferry and Antietam remain much the same as they were before the War. The plain brick and white clapboard homes with their surrounding flower gardens were, many of them, there long before the Civil War, and they remain much the same today. Even the business places have a minimum of carra glass fronts and have succumbed little to twentieth-century progress.

Harper's Ferry, which never fully recovered after the destruction of its armory and rifle works during the war, is the least spoiled of the two. Many of its stores and old buildings in the lower town on the site of the John Brown raid are now owned by the Federal government and supervised by the National Park Service. Most of them are vacant—mute guardians of a past when Harper's Ferry was on the lips of every American!

Today Harper's Ferry is an artist's colony—and a mecca for the serious student of American history who would worship at a shrine where he might hear a red bird sing without the distractions of heavy traffic. Only a few spots in the East compare with it—perhaps Concord, Mass., and its "rude bridge where the embattled farmers stood", possibly the Burnside bridge across the Antietam, and maybe, the Battery in Charleston, South Carolina.

At the gateway to the Shenandoah Valley, Harper's Ferry was the site of important events from Colonial times through the Civil War. Strategically important, it changed hands many times during the war, and its capture by Stonewall Jackson in 1862 was the dramatic prelude to the Battles of South Mountain and Antietam that ended General Robert E. Lee's first Southern Invasion of the North—an invasion that might have penetrated deep into Pennsylvania and disrupted east and west railway traffic at Harrisburg.

It was here in 1859 that Col. Robert E. Lee and Lt. JEB Stuart with 90 Marines from Washington captured John Brown after ten of his party of nineteen, among them his sons, Oliver and Watson, had been killed. It was here that John Wilkes Booth and the slinking Atzerodt, conspirators who killed Lincoln, were among the Virginia Militia who conducted Brown to Charles Town for trial. It was here, also, that 11,500 Union soldiers in the Harper's Ferry garrison under the command of General Dixon S. Miles, surrendered to Stonewall Jackson as a prelude to Antietam—the largest force of American troops ever to display the white flag before the surrender of Corcoran in World War II.

Harper's Ferry—a name to conjure with; a place to visit now while it is still unspoiled. Surrounded by Maryland, Loudon and Bolivar Heights—Thomas Jefferson extolling its beauty, in his Notes on Virginia—"The passage of the Potomac through the Blue Ridge is perhaps one of the most stupendous scenes in nature... the scene is worth a voyage across the Atlantic."

Much has happened since Jefferson's day to make Harper's Ferry a national monument!

## 100 Years Ago This Week...in

## THE CIVIL WAR

(Events exactly 100 years ago this week in the Civil War—told in the language and style of today.)

## Confederates Defeat Federals at Bull Run

### Green Union Forces in Full Rout; Terror-Stricken Troops Clog Streets

WASHINGTON—July 21—The nation's capital was stunned today by the utter defeat of Federal troops by Confederate forces at Bull Run, a sleepy, gentle creek near Manassas Junction, some 25 miles southwest of here.

It was the first major setback for Union troops since the war with the secessionists began.