

Glen Alden May Be Interested In Noxen Plant

Engineers Discuss Power Requirements With Light Company

It has been learned from reliable sources that Glen Alden Corporation has shown some interest, along with other prospects, in the closed Armour Leather Company Tannery at Noxen.

Glen Alden is engaged in many other activities beside coal mining. Recently engineers from Glen Alden discussed power facilities for industry, with L. E. Kingsley, general manager of Harveys Lake Light Company, which supplies electricity in the Noxen area.

For a number of years the Armour Tanning Company supplied its own direct current as a by-product of its big steam and heating plant, which furnished the large amount of steam required for tanning purposes. The power plant consumed forty tons of anthracite coal per week.

More recently Harveys Lake Light Company has furnished alternating current for some installations at the Noxen plant.

"It is possible" Mr. Kingsley said, "that any new tenant at Noxen might not produce its own electricity in the present steam plant with its costly coal consumption". At any rate engineers are studying all angles.

How far negotiations may have progressed between Glen Alden and Armour Leather Company is not known locally.

It is known that Glen Alden engages in some tanning among many subsidiaries and that one of them is located in a 5-story inefficient plant in the heart of an east-side area with no room for expansion.

FRED Will Be 17 On Monday

Because the patient has developed complications, surgery which was to have been performed on Fred Hennebaul last week at Geisinger Medical Center has been indefinitely postponed.

The operation was designed to strengthen Fred's neck which is very weak but would not have contributed to his eventual cure. In spite of this, Fred is confident that he will some day move and is looking to the observance of his seventeenth birthday anniversary on Monday. Cards will mean a great deal to him.

He is also eager to meet the New York Giants' Allie Sherman, who will head the line up of coaches, trainers and athletic directors participating March 9 and 10 at the 1962 Conference on Athletic Injuries at Geisinger.

Sherman, who has been named the "keenest mind in football" was recently named Coach of the Year.

Another who may stop by to talk with Fred is Coach "Rip" Engle of Penn State, one of the group of famous coaches who will take part in the conference.

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Valuable Dogs Pick Up Poison

The dog poisoners are at it again. This week they got four.

Dr. and Mrs. Carleton Davies lost their beloved Muggs, a Boxer that had been with them since he was a puppy when they moved into their new home on Machell Avenue eleven years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCutcheon, Sterling Avenue, lost Nicky, a mongrel purchased four years ago at the Library Auction.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ide, Woodlawn Avenue, lost Brandy, a 5-year old registered Beagle. Muggs and Nicky both came home to die, but Brandy died in a backyard in New Goss Manor where Chief of Police Pete Lange found him not far from where another unidentified shepherd type dog was found dead.

Both Muggs and Nicky were treated by Dr. Richard Post, but nothing could be done to save them. Dr. Post is confident Muggs picked up strychnine; Nicky may have gotten a poison with phosphorous base.

The children who were devoted to their pets were inconsolable as they waited for their pets to die.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Ide's Prince is also believed to have been poisoned since he has not returned after last being seen with Brandy's a week ago Sunday night.

On Grand Turks Island



Grand Turks Island Where Astronaut Was De-briefed, Familiar To Bob Ash

Turks Island, much in the news last week because of the successful flight of globe-girdling orbital astronaut John Glenn, and his subsequent debriefing session at that remote spot in the British West Indies, is old stuff to Bob Ash, who was with the SeeBees on Grand Turks Island in 1958.

Bob, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ash, Shavertown, and with his father in the plumbing business spent a year at the Naval Facility on Grand Turks, that sunbaked six mile long and a half wide island completely surrounded by coral reefs, sharks and barracuda.

Fresh water, except when a torrential rainstorm replenishes the storage basin, is completely lacking on Grand Turks. In periods between heavy rainfalls which supply fresh water, distillation of salt water goes steadily on. Hence, the need for plumbers and personnel skilled in coping with the many problems.

Bob reports that salt water is hard on plumbing, and that constant work is necessary to keep equipment in operation. During his stay at Grand Turks, there were times when water was strictly rationed, and could be used for bathing only at specified hours. Distillation is an expensive process.

The Naval installation is at one end of the island, and Pan American is located at the other end. Along the backbone of the island, as seen from an airplane, is a highway and a power line, and alongside the backbone a salt water lake, long and thin, which fills with the tide. The native village at the Pan American location supports itself on fish and the processing of salt. Since a monstrous tidal wave swept the island many years ago, there is no real soil for production of fresh produce. Very few trees survived, though a few gnarled specimens surround the white lighthouse, permanently and grotesquely bent by the prevailing wind.

"When you look back at it," reflects Bob, "It reminds you of some good times you've had. But as for me, you can have Grand Turks Island. The hills out here in the Back Mountain looked good to me when I came home after being in the tropics. It cooled off at night, but it was awfully hot during the day."

Bob took some color photographs with a Brownie, showing strong contrast of deep blue sky, white sand, and sharp-cut shadows. One of the pictures, whose value would be lost in black and white, shows the windblown trees around the white shaft of the lighthouse, with the keeper's cottage in the foreground, and a waste of sand. It looks like a magazine cover.

Another shows the two flags side by side, that of Great Britain and of the United States, both at half mast. Bobby snapped it the day the Pope died. The flags look utterly lonely against an empty sky, as lonely as the blazing sand below.

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A. C. Devens Saw Opportunity In Small Village

Developed Envious Business In Life Devoted To Milling

A. C. (Aut) Devens, ill for many months, died late Saturday night at the age of 80 at his home on Lake Street.

He was buried at Fern Knoll yesterday afternoon, following services from the family home conducted by Rev. David Morgan, former pastor of Alderson Methodist Church.

Honorary pallbearers headed by Frank Anderson, president of Miner's National Bank and vice president J. Harry Vivian, included fellow board members of Dallas Branch, Sheldon T. Evans, Thomas P. Garrity, E. W. Hall, Howard Isaacs, W. B. Jeter, Charles H. Long, Edwin C. Norcross, Howard Risley, L. L. Richardson, David N. Schooley, Clifford W. Space, Harold L. Titman.

Active pallbearers were grandsons Jerry and Calvin Miers, Austin and Herbert Wertman; nephews, John and Drew Devens.

A Back Mountain boy, son of the late John and Mary Surplus Devens of Ross Township, he lived in this area his entire life becoming one of the outstanding business men of the region. Where many another young man left to seek wider opportunity, Aut found it here, and made the most of it. He knew everything there was to know about the feed business, and built it up, first in Kunkle and later in Dallas, until it ranked as one of the best in Luzerne County.

Eight years ago he purchased the Himmler Theatre. When he was first taken ill two years ago, the Himmler was put on the market.

When he was a boy, he worked in a general store in Sweet Valley, operated by W. J. Allen. When the Allens moved to Alderson, it was natural for him to accompany "Mother and Dad" as handyman for their new venture, a feed mill. Feed, the boy realized, was a staple, always in demand. As he grew up, he made feed his life work, remaining with the Allens for twenty years, when he went into business for himself in Kunkle.

Ten years later, in 1930, he purchased the present building with a Lehigh Valley spur, to facilitate handling of larger quantities of grain without excess haulage charges.

His wife, the former Arena Montanye, died in 1959.

Membership was retained in Kunkle Methodist Church. Mr. Devens was a member of George M. Dallas Lodge F&AM, which conducted Masonic services Tuesday night.

He leaves three daughters: Mrs. Vera Wertman and Mrs. Jennie Miers, Kunkle; Mildred, Dallas; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Disque.

Donald Cutting Gets Promotion

Twenty-Six Years With State Police

Donald Cutting, Lehman, member of the Pennsylvania State Police for the past twenty-six years, has been promoted from Sergeant to First Sergeant at Wyoming Barracks.

A competent and intelligent police officer, Sgt. Cutting's new duties entail increased responsibilities and make him a key figure in police work.

He is also an instructor in three Municipal Police Schools now being conducted by the State Police in Kingston and Scranton.

Since moving to Lehman eleven years ago, Sgt. Cutting has been active in community life. He is chairman of the Finance Commission and a member of the Official Board at Lehman Methodist Church.

Born in Rochester, N. Y., Sgt. Cutting was educated at Abington High School when his family moved to Glenside, Montgomery County. He joined the State Highway Patrol in May 1936. A brother is Lieutenant on the Abington Police Force.

The Cuttings have two children, Carol, a student at Lycoming College and Harry, at Lake-Lehman High School.

Don's greatest recreation is golf. He is president of the State Police Golf Association.

Correction

Maryann Wilson, listed as daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson in last week's issue of the Dallas Post, is in fact daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Wilson. Both Wilson families live on Franklin Street.

Local Girls In Glamour Best-Dressed Contest



Two Back Mountain girls were among the ten contestants selected to represent Glamour Magazine's Best Dressed Coeds on the Wilkes College campus last Sunday evening.

They were Nancy Tinklopaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tinklopaugh, Church street, Dallas, and Elaine Kozemchak, right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kozemchak, Huntsville.

The winner was Ruth Ann Boorom, Wilkes-Barre, senior art major at Wilkes.

Astronaut's Psychiatrist George Ruff Son Of First Pastor Of St. Paul's

That psychiatrist who designed and administered the psychiatric testing by which the seven astronauts were trained, and who officiated as psychiatrist at the debriefing of global astronaut John Glenn at Grand Turks Island in the Bahamas after his orbital flight three times around the earth last Tuesday, was born in Shavertown and spent the first ten years of his life there.

He is Dr. George E. Ruff, son of Dr. G. Elson Ruff, who was first pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Shavertown, and is now editor of the Lutheran ULCA magazine, and editor-in-chief of the United Lutheran Publication House.

Dr. George is a graduate of the School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, and an assistant professor of Psychiatry there.

He has been with the astronauts ever since the program was conceived in 1959. His special field is stress and fatigue.

He is consultant to the Air Force Scientific Board and a member of the Medical Advisory Board of Project Mercury.

He and his father will present a dialogue on "Psychiatry and Religion" at the Annual Pastors' Convention, April 25, 26, on the campus of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

(Mrs. Harold Ash, before she was Mrs. Ash, used to babysit for little George.)

Mrs. Ralph Rood Fractures Hip

Mrs. Ralph Rood, Lehman Ave., is making a good recovery at Nesbitt Hospital where she was taken Friday evening in Dallas Community ambulance after fracturing her hip in a fall at her home.

Mrs. Rood lost her balance while opening a refrigerator door in the kitchen of her home early Friday evening. Fortunately her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arline Rood, Dallas grade school teacher, was home at the time or she might have lain on the floor for hours unable to move.

She was first taken to the Noxen Clinic by Dallas Ambulance for x-rays on orders of Dr. Irvin Jacobs and later admitted to Nesbitt Hospital.

Library Closed Saturday

Back Mountain Memorial Library will be closed all day Saturday while many books are transferred to newly remodelled rooms on the second floor. Whodunit fans will find themselves in far warmer quarters than those formerly dedicated to them in an offshoot of the back porch, frequently flavored with skunk.

Atty. Fleming In Contest For Representative

Native Son Had Brilliant School And War Record

A lifelong Back Mountain man has tossed his hat in the ring for the Republican nomination for Representative in the General Assembly from the Sixth Legislative District.

He is Atty. Robert Fleming, Dallas Borough Solicitor and son of the late Dr. J. C. Fleming, Dallas ear, eye, nose and throat specialist.

Born in Dallas, Atty. Fleming is a product of the Dallas Borough School System, having entered Harvard University directly from Dallas Schools after graduating as valedictorian of his class.

During 1941 and '42, Atty. Fleming took flight training at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, and was assigned to Patrol Squadron 81 doing amphibious night anti-submarine patrols in the Caribbean area.

When the Squadron was ordered to the Solomon Islands during the latter part of 1943, Lieut. Fleming engaged in further night bombing.

It was while returning from such an all night flight that his plane intercepted an SOS from a crippled plane shot down by the enemy. The crew immediately went to its aid and, under heavy fire from shore, rescued some of the crewmen of the disabled craft. It was for his part in this mission that Lieut. Fleming received the Navy's Silver Star Medal for bravery and the Distinguished Flying Cross. The exploit was later the subject of a feature article in the Saturday Evening Post.

During the latter days of the war, Lieut. Fleming was assigned to the Naval Air Station at Hutchinson, Kansas, as a flight instructor for B-24s.

At the conclusion of the War, he pursued work for his M.A. Degree in American History and Government at Cornell University, but left Cornell after the second semester to take up law at Harvard Law School.

Atty. Fleming and his wife, the former Eleanor Buncklee of Connecticut, have five daughters and two sons. Last year they were selected as Christian Family of the year at Dallas Methodist Church where all have been active for many years.

He is teacher of the Brace Bible Class and has served as president of the Official Board.

Both Atty. and Mrs. Fleming are leaders in Parent-Teacher work in both Dallas Township and Dallas Borough schools.

And Bob has been a fixture at the Library Auction and annual Memorial Day speaker at Dallas Honor Roll and local cemeteries for longer than he cares to remember. He is co-chairman of this year's auction.

He is a Republican with definite ideas for good government and has no interest in party conflicts and politics as such.

With his strong following in the Back Mountain Area, he should be a hard man to beat.

Medals For Four Science Students

Mastalski, Miller Curtis, Makar, Win

Back Mountain students of West Side Central Catholic High School took four places in the Annual Science Fair, held Monday afternoon and evening.

Winners of first were Patricia Mastalski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mastalski, Dallas; and Gerald Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller, Overbrook Road; a silver medal went to Charlene Makar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Makar, New Goss Manor; and a bronze medal to John Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Curtis, Pioneer Avenue.

Patricia, a senior took her gold medal with an exhibit demonstrating conductivity and ionization, in the chemistry category.

Gerald, a sophomore, gold medal for an exhibit in biology, Effect of heat and chemical stimuli on heart-beat of the daphnia.

Charlene, sophomore, silver medal for a demonstration of research into the insulating ability of building materials. Charlene, as a freshman last year, took her general science exhibit to King's College and took top honors in the junior division, rating also the Grollier award.

John, in the senior class, took a bronze medal for his physics exhibit of Capacity and Sound. John is an expert in the ham radio field.

Patient At Mercy

Kenneth King, Loyallville, is improving at Mercy Hospital where he was taken in Dallas Ambulance last Monday night following a heart attack.

Ruckno Heads Special Gifts

Ask For Support Of Heart Campaign



George L. Ruckno, Shrine Acres, has been appointed 1962 Heart Fund Drive Special Gift Chairman for the Back Mountain Area. He was named by Mrs. Lyle Slaff and Mrs. Fred Dingle, Co-Chairman of the Back Mountain Area.

"As business people we cannot afford to look upon the Heart Fund as a charity or just another drive", Mr. Ruckno said. "Instead, we must recognize the Heart Fund as our foremost defense against one of the most serious economic threats to our business community. It makes possible the American Heart Association's fight against this health enemy by the expansion of Research, Education, and Community Services. Since 1948, when the Heart organization was organized, many thousands of hearts and lives have been saved", the Special Gifts Chairman stated.

Mr. Ruckno attended Forty Fort Schools and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School. He is president of George L. Ruckno, Inc., Forty Fort Lumber Co., Shrine View Acres, Inc., Kings Garden Apartments, Inc. and Harkings & Ruckno Inc. He is Secretary-Treasurer of Tunkhannock Lumber Co., and H.L.R. Realty Co. The Back Mountain Civic Leader is on the Board of Directors of the Wyoming National Bank and West Side Savings and Loan Association; and on the Executive Board of Wyoming Valley Council Boy Scouts; Mercy Hospital, College Misericordia Advisory Board, West Side Community Center and Area Industrial Development, Inc.

Mr. Ruckno is also Past President of the Home Builders Association of Luzerne County. He is a member of the Westmoreland Club, Franklin Club, North Mountain Club, West Side Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, Kings College Century Club and Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club. He is a member of the Gate of Heaven Church.

Surgeon Recuperating

Dr. M. C. Rumbaugh is recuperating at his home in Kingston following surgery.

Junior High School Falcons Close Season



Dallas Junior High School Falcons have just completed a highly successful wrestling season under the successful wrestling season under director. The Squad, now in its second year, won four of its seven matches, but best of all, all of the thirty-three boys had an opportunity to wrestle.

The record: Jan. 17, Kingston 48, Dallas 47; Jan. 23, Forty Fort 15, Dallas 52; Feb. 2, Lake-Lehman 30, Dallas 14; Feb. 8, Kingston 47,

Dallas 39; Feb. 13, Tunkhannock 38, Dallas 78; Feb. 19, Plymouth 48, Dallas 56; Feb. 23, Tunkhannock 47, Dallas 55.

The Squad: Front row left to right: Charles Higgs, Scott Alexander, Donald Darrow, Paul Horwatt, John Weaver, Jack Mallin; Second row: Tom Finn, Donald Bulford, Lee Isaacs, Phil Mathers, Jerry Sutton, Paul Wilson; Third row: Stanley Dorrance, Rich-

ard Kerpovich, Carl Zimmerman, Reese Finn, Richard Cross, Donald Kelly, Robert Kelly;

Fourth row: Carl Wormek, Tom Wardell, Ken Dymond, John Martin, Water Prokopchak, Charles Fleming, Lewis Dixon; Fifth row: Barry Weiss, James Haines, Donald Smith, Bob Schooley; Absent: Steve Kashenbaugh, Steve Farrar.