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WHAT IS COMMUNITY PLANNING?

By Lester W. Hauch We all plan ahead. Life is hardly worth living without some aspirations—some plans for the future.

Most of us can easily comprehend what family or business planning entails for we had some experience involving such planning, but what about planning our community and controlling its growth?

A community is wood, bricks and mortar. It is homes, offices, factories, schools and stores. Further, it is air, soil, water and vegetation; hills, valleys, streams, fields and woods.

This dynamic, living, complex organism has many facets all of which must be considered in planning its future. One must think of the community as a place that supports a fascinating variety of life.

We must realize that good community planning not only involves the proper use of land, but to some extent must concern itself with non-physical objectives as well.

A community must develop broad over-all policies or goals, determining the kind of place it wants to be and draw up a master plan for the future.

Only after thorough consideration of these many facets of the existing community can one hope to develop a valid approach to planning its future.

Cooperative planning, therefore, is the proper answer to many of our growing pains; since our actual community is really much more than any one municipal unit in the area.

Looking at T-V

With GEORGE A. and EDITH ANN BURKE

Julia Meade had her last appearance on Ed Sullivan's show last month.

Miss Meade has been with CBS-TV for nine years. Her reason for resigning, she said is so that she can be available for stage and motion-picture roles.

In the past, she had to withdraw for consideration for a most attractive Broadway role and a motion-picture role.

According to Garry he isn't looking for another Carol. A talent like her's cannot be replaced.

Carol has agreed to only two firm commitments, so far. One is an October engagement at New York's Persian Room at the Plaza Hotel.

George Abbott is working on a musical for both Carol and Julie Andrews. This is thought to be the real reason she decided to leave the Garry Moore show.

Donna Reed will be off to Europe for a vacation together with her husband and children in June. Donna, tired of it all, threatened to quit TV and ABC came up with a generous bonus and a vacation trip for the whole family.

Ozzie and Harriet will be back for another year. They received the go-ahead signal to start filming next season's show for ABC.

Associate Producer—it is very interesting to find out who is behind a series. Bonita Granville is one of the powers behind the "Lassie" series.

Bonita is married to Jack Wrathner, oil man, owner of several radio and TV stations, owner of the Disneyland Hotel and film productions.

Bonita said, "We try to give the cast a month off. But I find the so-called three-month vacation period filled with work, seeking stories and making preparations for the season's filming. But I love it, and through all this hubbub I'm a mother who brings up her own children."

My mother, who is still with me, gave me constant care. I don't feel that my early film career cheated me out of any childhood. I had a fine time growing up and I want my children to enjoy the same."

Bonita made 55 pictures in her film career.

Bonita doesn't have any special writers for her series. The scripts are solicited and she has a good writer develop the stories for television.

Mr. Smith Goes To Washington, a television series adapted from the 1939 motion picture comedy of the same title, is expected to make its debut next fall over the ABC-TV network.

Pess Parker, who played Davy Crockett on television a few years ago will be the star of the series.

The series is about a seemingly naive man who is elected to the United States Senate but fails to conform to the pattern set by his backers.

The New Breed—it is easy for a star of any television series to know when that series is beginning to click.

For awhile after "The New Breed" made its appearance opposite "The Dick Powell Show" and "Red Skelton" Leslie Nielsen had the horrible feeling that nobody was watching the show.

Then they were moved a half hour ahead and people recognized Nielsen as Lt. Adams. And the whole cast breathed a sigh of relief.

Leslie Nielsen is quite a television performer. In the early days of television he worked as a freelancer. During the 1949-50 season he performed in 46 shows.

Surviving are: his widow, the former Cora Giverson of Pikes Creek, a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Martin, also of Pikes Creek; fifteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren; sisters Emma Hagel and Mrs. Lily Sydow, both of Coral Gables, Florida.

Nielson became an American citizen in 1957. He has a permanent home in Los Angeles with his wife and baby daughter. His uncle was the famous actor, the late Jean Hersholt; and his father was a real-life law officer as a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer—D. A. Waters

William Comstock, born about 1595, and his wife, Elizabeth Daniel, born 1608 came to Massachusetts about 1635.

John Comstock (1722-1783) married at Norwich, Ct. Margaret Vibber. He was one of the First Party, active on various committees, and a proprietor of Newport Township and Kingston township.

John Comstock was in the First Alarm Co. 24th Conn. Militia, and as such participated in the Battle of Wyoming. His sons Kingsley and Robert were killed, another son, Peleg, then only about fourteen, is listed by local historians as a participant in the battle under Zebulon Butler and survived.

A few Comstocks are commonly known everywhere. Henry Thomas Page Comstock, variously described as a sheepherder and a visionary braggart, gave his name to and at one time owned the "Comstock Lode" in Nevada.

Peleg married Mary Merritt. They had the following children: Zebulon, William, Robert, John, Elijah, Russell, Rebecca, Susan, Louisa. Peleg, I have not checked the other children of John, or made any notes of Peleg's children excepting Zebulon, although the book covers a lot of them.

Zebulon, who lived to age 84, married Cynthia Daley. They later moved to Exeter Township, which then included the area across the river. I have located, talked with, or written to, descendants in Wyoming Valley, up the river, in the Bloomsburg area, in Orange County, N. Y., and Albuquerque, N. M. and there are many others.

From one line is descended the Nicholsons and others in the valley; the late Carrie May Carlin of East Dallas (whose grand-father had 23 children); and Wayne F. Comstock of Forty Fort, through whose courtesy I saw the genealogy.

Another is represented by those up the river, in the Milwaukee area, and in adjoining areas. Another moved to Bloomsburg from whence come the Comstocks of Harveys Lake and Fairmount Township.

can eggs to be 58.6% while the protein content of white and brown eggs shows 48.2%." Information from Stromberg's Chick catalog.

Now, how did they come to be in Bill Rozelle's chicken coop? Well, his grand daughter, Eloise Evans, is just crazy about any farm animal or fowl.

Some of your readers may have seen one of them in Huston's Feed Mill. It was there until some unfortunate unbeliever broke it in his hand—no, it wasn't boiled and dyed!

There are few people who believe that a chicken can lay a colored egg. The reaction is usually "Aw—Come on now!" If anyone wants to see them—there they are in the chicken coop with the rest of Bill's flock.

Well, Hix—that's it.

Joseph C. Hagel, 84, died Wednesday night at his home in Pikes Creek, after a long period of failing health. He was buried Saturday afternoon in Maple Grove Cemetery, following services conducted by Rev. Roland Upsyke from the Bronson Funeral Home.

Mr. Hagel was a native of Nanooke, son of the late Michael and Johanna Herman Hagel. For twenty-five years he was treasurer of the Sweet Valley Chapter, Jr. OUAM. A resident of Pikes Creek for 55 years, he had been foreman for the State Highway Department, and at one time was a Star Route mail carrier from Alderson to Pikes Creek. He last worked for the Dallas Water Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagel celebrated their Golden Wedding five years ago.

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His father, now living in California, is acting as a bond agent. His son has found three occasions on which he could play a lesser role in "The New Breed."

William Eckert has purchased Sev's Sign Shop on Wellington Ave. from Mrs. Severn Newberry and has removed his lawnmower repair shop from Trucksville to his new location.

The two-story 50 x 60 foot building, located just off Route 309 in Dallas Borough, will give him considerable extra room for expansion.

Mr. Eckert has been located in Trucksville for the past six years; two of them across the street from the present building which will be razed to make way for the new highway.

The funeral of Hugo A. Anderson, 74, of Alderson, was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 at the Stephen M. Glova Funeral Home on Kunkle Road, Harveys Lake. The Rev. Wesley Kimm, pastor of the Lutheran Church officiated. Interment was in the Kocher Cemetery, Harveys Lake. Pall bearers were Arthur Wheat, Carl Swanson, Fred Swanson, Arly Harmon, Robert Traver, and James Huston.

Only Yesterday

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

IT HAPPENED 30 YEARS AGO: A blizzard disrupted telephone and power lines, and stalled a mail train on Chestnut Ridge.

Mountain Springs Ice Co. was doubtful about any ice harvest at all, due to spring thaws and then the blizzard.

The jobless were hopeful of speedy construction of twenty miles of Federal highways in the area. One of the dreams of Senator Sordani and Norman Johnston was extended concrete all the way to Red Rock, as first step of a shortened route to Williamsport.

Frank Martz engaged Charles Elston for manager of his newly purchased farm.

Elma Robbins of Trucksville joined the Dallas Post staff as social editor.

Lloyd Newell built an addition to his store in Noxen.

You could get dried prunes two pounds for 15c; red salmon was 23 cents per tall can; eggs 19 cents a dozen.

Himmeler Theater was showing "Five Star Final," with Edward G. Robinson.

IT HAPPENED 20 YEARS AGO: Acres-for-tomatoes movement was a dismal flop. Chef Boyardee withdrew its offer to establish a shipping center in Dallas.

Fred Youngblood's mail route was about to be extended to 45.25 miles, taking in Claude Street and Goss Manor.

An elderly teacher, pressed into service at Hunlock Creek when two male predecessors were called in the draft, was set upon and beaten by three thirteen-year old pupils.

Miss Ruth Chandler resigned the following morning. Fathers disciplined their young. Yes, names of the juveniles were published in the paper.

Farmers were warned to put all explosives in a safe place. Dynamite has been stolen, and fear of sabotage was rampant.

Patriots were hoarding sugar. Clyde Veitch replaced James Ayre, resigned.

Mrs. Elizabeth Button, 3, of Noxen, died.

Inducted into the service were Peter Skopic, Harry R. Rogers, Emmett L. Hoover, Merritt G. Boice, Irving W. Ashton, Joseph J. Elias, John J. Paniszko, Stanley Zelazinski, Ralph J. Ignatovic, Joseph Marchakitis, Peter Novak, Michael Mikita, Harry W. Bloom, Glenn L. Lamoreaux.

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company presented its Minstrel Show to packed houses at Dallas High School. Leg of lamb was 27 cents a pound, mushrooms, 25c; bread, two large loaves, 17 cents.

Major Byron Luce was appointed transportation instructor at Fort Holabird, Md.

Mrs. Elizabeth Erb, Trucksville, died aged 92.

Married: Virginia Payment to Staff Sgt. Joseph Sidorek.

Shavertown petitions for a new Borough.

IT HAPPENED 10 YEARS AGO: Shavertown fire company withdrew its old Fisher truck from service, planned to buy another piece of equipment as companion piece to the 1937 Federal truck.

Mad fox in Center Moreland bit William Murray's heifer. Carl Sicker killed the fox with a wrench. Lehman-Jackson cafeteria raised its price to 20 cents for older children, 18 for younger ones.

Churches As A Group Can Be Of Real Service To Migrant Workers

At a meeting at Orange Sunday night, the work of Wyoming Valley Council of Churches was described by a congregation representing Carverton, Mt. Zion and Orange Methodists.

Henry Hess, Orange, lay leader, and a member of the Social Welfare Division of the Council of Churches presided. Marie Perrego with her singing dozen and Robert Gardner at the organ made a devotional contribution with a special arrangement of the old gospel song, "I Know Whom I Have Believed."

Mr. Hess presented Charles Collins, Director of the Division of Social Welfare. Mr. Collins represents the non-catholic juvenile delinquents at Children's Court.

He told of the deplorable situation in regard to the temporary detention of juvenile offenders in that the boys have to be transported about 26 miles to the detention cottage at Kis-Lyn Industrial School, while the offenders among girls have to be housed at the Women's Detention building at the County Prison.

There needs to be new detention quarters suitable for this use. In 1961 in the 41 court sessions held, there were 171 non-catholic and non-Jewish juveniles appearing in court. These were processed by Mr. Collins, that is, he made contact with the Protestant pastors and the homes of these boys and girls.

Mr. Collins urged our churches to give special attention to reaching the unchurched families in our communities. He pointed out that few juveniles coming before the court are regular attendants at any Sunday School.

Mr. Collins briefly reviewed the work of the Division of Social Welfare among the Valley's institutions. These services include the wheel chair ministry at the Veterans' Hospital; furnishing Sunday School teachers and Sunday chapel services at Kis-Lyn Industrial School; religious services held at Sutton Home for Men; the County Prison; Chaplain work at area hospitals, and at Valley Crest. Literature distribution is also provided at these institutions and also to the Correctional Institution at Jackson.

Special interest to Back Mountain people, is the work under way in the Tri-county Migrant Camps. This work is sponsored jointly by Tunkhannock Ministerium for Wyoming County; the United Churches

of Lackawanna County; and the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches for Luzerne County. There were three migrant camps which received Governor's Citation for "materially helping better conditions for migratory workers and their families".

In Wyoming county it was the Don H. Stonier camp; in Lackawanna county it was the Thompson Brothers camp; and in our own Luzerne county it was the Dymond Brothers camp.

The migrant workers are people of importance. The farmers need their labor. And as Marie Duffy remarked once regarding these strangers coming into our midst, "After all, they are people!" These families have larger needs than camp owners themselves can supply. The children need schooling, clothing, toys, recreational facilities. These are some of the needs the Council of Churches is trying to provide.

There are also religious needs. This includes far more than religious meetings. Chaplain Atterberry of the Council of Churches is pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Wilkes Barre and is well qualified by training, by race and by experience to minister to these people. He can provide them with many contacts. There is needed also someone who can speak Spanish, for the workers are composed not merely of southern Negroes but some Mexicans and Puerto Ricans as well.

Work among migrants is one of the many services being undertaken by the Council of Churches illustrating the truth that many churches working together can do what each church working separately cannot do. Support your united witness for Christ through the program of the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches.

Borough PTA To See Rheumatic Fever Film

A Representative of the Heart Association will present a film on Rheumatic Fever, Monday evening March 19, at the meeting of Dallas Borough P.T.A.

A physician will answer questions following the film.

P. T. A. president, Mrs. Stephen Hartman Jr. will preside at a short business meeting preceding the film. Mrs. Arch Austin will discuss plans for the 6th grade trip to Philadelphia.

100 Years Ago This Week...in THE CIVIL WAR

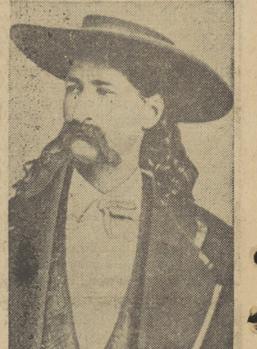
SCOUTS, INDIANS LIVEN UP ACTION

Hickock Dubbed "Wild Bill" for Daring Forays

PEA RIDGE, Ark.—March 15—Emergence of a new concept in land warfare—extensive use of field scouts and of elusive "guerrilla" units—played a major part in this week's decisive Union victory here.

Brig. Gen. Franz Sigel, whose men carried the brunt of the North's offensive at Pea Ridge (called Elkhorn Tavern by the Confederates), said discovery by shadowy scouting parties of the enemy's flanking movements so "surprised" Southern forces that they were forced into premature retreat.

Sigel and Brig. Gen. Samuel R. Curtis led the 10,500 Union soldiers who defeated 16,200 Confederate defenders of Pea Ridge in a battle that reached its peak March 8.



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steadily, but orderly, retreat of the Confederate forces.

Focal point of the battle became Elkhorn Tavern, a rustic building at the eastern end of the gently rolling hills that gave Pea Ridge its name.

During the days of fighting some 200 Union men fell dead, with another 1,000 wounded and 200 missing. Van Dorn's losses included 600 killed or wounded and 200 missing.

On the day before the key battle, Hickock and his scouts informed Curtis that the South-erners were approaching in strength from the South.

However, Van Dorn left a string of campfires and attempted a flanking movement—only to be detected by the scouts.

On the morning of the 7th, Curtis moved north to meet the surprised enemy in a massive offensive. It was during this action that the Indian division first showed its strength.

AFTER BLOODY day of see-saw battles, Curtis threw Sigel's division into the spearhead. With 40 big guns barking, Sigel broke the Confederate line on the morning of the 8th, and the Southern retreat was on.

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