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## Looking at T-V

With GEORGE A. and EDITH ANN BURKE

Loretta Young's new Fall show promises to be even better than her former series. She is planning on retaining two features of the old—the dramatic door entrance and the closing quotation.

In "Christine's Children" the double door is an exact copy of the door to the livingroom in her beautiful mansion. Loretta must love a large house because she can count ten bedrooms in her home.

In the series Loretta will marry her editor—who is James Philbray recently of "The Investigators."

So far Loretta and her writers haven't decided how many weeks will pass before the marriage will take place.

There will be the usual problems of the children getting used to the idea of their mother remarrying.

Among the seven children will be a pair of twins, played by two boys who are not professional actors. In fact, they've never acted but Loretta believes all they have to do is be themselves and they will be perfect for the part.

The children will range from 18 to 6.

Among the children is one veteran, Beverly Washburn. She has been in movies since she was five. She played with Loretta in her second movie, when she was only five. Now she is 18 and will play the oldest daughter in the series.

Although working with so many children will be a new experience to Loretta, she doesn't expect any difficulty. Loretta comes from a large family. Her mother has 18 grandchildren and the family Christmas dinners usually mean a family gathering of 35 or so.

Loretta has a system for remembering the children's names. She isn't—that way she will never slip up and call them by their real names.

"Christine's Children" will mean a more confining schedule for Loretta. On her former series she often used a guest star and she didn't appear in that week's story. But this series calls for her appearance every week.

But according to Loretta she couldn't be happier about the series and being back on television.

Pearl Bailey, who is always kidding about how her feet hurt and how she hates to stand is really having a hard time with a painful knee injury. The doctor thinks surgery may be necessary.

Pantomime Quiz which made its appearance summertimes, will finally become a Fall show.

The series, which presents competition by two teams of celebrities, will be televised on Mondays from 10:30 to 11 p.m. Mike Stokey, who originated the program in 1947, and in the past was master of ceremonies hopes he will continue in that role but so far hasn't been decided.

Hopalong Cassidy—Now that's one that hasn't been seen for four or five years is making a comeback. NBC will re-issue "Hopalong Cassidy."

It will be the same old series with William Boyd, in the title role, personifying clean living and fair play.

According to William Breen, national sales manager of NBC, "These qualities are more than welcome on the current television scene."

Lawrence Welk's Show—It seems to us that the dancer on the Welk Show is getting less appealing every week. She cranes her neck so she can smile into the camera and last week she seemed actually awkward as a dancer.

Eastern Star's Annual Banquet To Be Held April 6 At Irem Country Club

Mrs. Mildred H. Garinger, Worthy Matron of Dallas Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, will be the guest of honor at its thirty-seventh annual banquet at the Irem Temple Country Club Friday evening, April 6, at 6:30.

Past Matrons will serve as the Reception Committee to welcome members and their guests.

Rev. David Morgan, pastor of Wyoming Methodist Church, will be the speaker and Rev. John H. Gordon, pastor of Alderson-Kunkle—Noxen Methodist Churches, will give the benediction.

Mrs. Charles H. Long, and daughter, Gloria, attended the Teacher's Junior Grade graduation in Child Evangelism on Saturday at Calvary Bible Church, Wilkes-Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Long, Jan, Wanda Darlene and Miralee Beth, Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Long, visited to Bloomsburg Sunday to visit Dean.

## Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer—D. A. Waters

Up to about fifty-five years ago, or thereabouts, Dallas was a nice quiet country village, a half hour by train or trolley or two or three hours drive from Wilkes-Barre. There were some enterprising business men, most of their activities being in establishments in a single block on Main Street between the foot of Huntsville Street and the Raub Hotel, which stood in the angle now occupied by the Acme Market and Atlantic gas station.

Other businessmen were almost all within a block of the business center. B. W. Brickell operated a furniture and undertaking establishment on the top of Main Street hill and a little further east Joseph Finch had a harness shop on the opposite side. About halfway up the first hill on Huntsville Street James Baird had a shoe repair shop and THE DALLAS POST was located at the corner of Huntsville Street and Norton Avenue. Barton Mott had a livery stable on Lake Street and William Bulford another one back of the Lehigh Valley Station. Along the creek on that side of town Charles Cooke had a sawmill and millwork shop and Charles D. Gregory a feed mill. About that time the new First National Bank was opened on Church Street across from the Hotel.

Excepting a sawmill run by Ryman and Shaver at the lower end of the Borough, just above where the road to Orchard Farm crosses the highway, the balance of the town consisted of homes surrounded by farms. Most of the houses were occupied by owners and lots were large. Almost everyone planted a garden, nearly as many kept chickens, and many of the lots contained a small barn in which the owner kept a cow or two and some kept horses.

Dallas had a famous team of physicians in Dr. James G. Laing and his son, Dr. Henry M. Laing, both then located in the same house on Lake Street. There was usually about one more doctor in the place, one of whom, Dr. J. C. Fleming, came as a young man and spent the balance of his life here. Most of the land was surveyed by Charles H. Cooke. There were several contractors and carpenters, several painters, and usually one or two plumbers.

There was not a single paved road in town and few sidewalks outside of flagstone walks in the business section, extending to the Church, and a board walk on Lake Street. There was some discomfort

due to mud and dust and accumulated snow which fell early in the season and usually remained all winter. But there was one distinct advantage over present conditions. It was perfectly safe for any man, woman, or even child, to go anywhere, at any hour of the day or night, provided he or she kept off the tracks when a train or trolley car was approaching. And even the tracks were the safe and accepted route to walk to the baseball field on Center Hill Road, to The Old Meadows, popular swimming hole along the Lehigh Valley back of Fernbrook Park, or to the park itself.

Surrounding and reaching into the fringes of the town were farms, each with a homestead, home orchard, livestock, fields, and some had woods. Best known of the latter was the Billy Goss woods which stretched in a big backdrop across the edge of town from Orchard Farm to the northwest end of Cemetery street. In the open, it was possible to stop almost anywhere and look up at the sky without danger.

The biggest asset of the place, which in the end proved its undoing in that respect, was its quietness. Tranquility of mind was the accepted and normal state. There were no crackpots running around and around the block with cut-outs open on their motorcycles, trying to show off. Lawnmowers were hand operated and not run into late hours of the evening. And motor vehicles were not disturbing and endangering life and limb. Such things as walling fire sirens and loud speakers broadcasting canned music were unknown. There were no loud radios and television noises heard around the neighborhood and even in your own house.

To live now, even for a few hours, like our fathers did all the time, we have to leave town. Since we cannot do that too, frequently, if you have good power of concentration from long reading habits, it helps to dig out some of the stuff we used to read in by-gone days in the old "Youth's Companion" and in the early issues of "The American Magazine"—Grace Richmond, Gene Stratton-Porter, George Barr McCutcheon, and David Grayson. Or Rex Beach and Zane Grey if you liked their style.

If you were foolish enough to discard these old friends, they usually have a table full of them at the Library Auction at ten cents a piece.

## From

## Pillar To Post...

by Hix

We thought that spring would never come again, but it is here. For many weary nights, the stars blazed in the firmament, but to eyes still fixed desolately upon the bleakness of winter, they were invisible.

Green shoots pushed their way through the quickening earth, but they brought no message of hope or cheer.

But now, it is spring. A delicately striped purple and white crocus has opened its petals to the sunshine, and a robin sings his evening song from the topmost branch of the maple tree.

There is a stir of renewed life and faith in everything about. The stars were never more beautiful through the leafless branches of the trees.

Implemented by the best in modern medicine in the hands of a dedicated doctor who would not acknowledge defeat, and by the constant care of nurses who spared no effort, the miracle of life in the face of almost certain death has come to pass.

## SWEET VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Farver and daughters, Paula and Sharon, and Johnny Davis spent a week-end recently with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bowman, Wilmington, Del. Mrs. Bowman is the former Jean Farver.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cragle, Mooretown, spent Sunday at Warrior Run, where they attended a family dinner given by Mrs. Cragle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gomb.

Mrs. Earl Kittle, Jr. reports seeing four flocks of wild geese.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith spent last week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitesell, Fades. The Smiths are attending Bible Institute at Jersey Shore.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William George were Sgt. and Mrs. Ronald Grabowski and Mark Allan who recently returned from French Morocco and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Specht, Northumberland.

Mrs. Charles H. Long, and daughter, Gloria, attended the Teacher's Junior Grade graduation in Child Evangelism on Saturday at Calvary Bible Church, Wilkes-Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Long, Jan, Wanda Darlene and Miralee Beth, Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Long, visited to Bloomsburg Sunday to visit Dean.

Mrs. Floyd Hoover, Patsy Hoover, Idetown, and Gloria and Wilma Long, were the guests of Dean Long, student at Bloomsburg Teacher's College, Sunday, March 18.

Sgt. and Mrs. Ronald Grabowski and son, Mark Allan, are spending

a thirty day leave with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Grabowski, Nanticoke, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitesell, Fades. Mrs. Grabowski is the former Carol Whitesell. The Grabowski family recently returned from French Morocco where they were stationed last year. Friends and relatives are enjoying Mark Allan, who was born there last September. The Grabowski family will move to Bunker Hill Airforce Base, Indiana, when the present leave is over.

Items of interest for this column will be greatly appreciated. I wish to thank all those who have called their news in. The phone number is 7-3271.

Guests on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wallace were Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Maurur, Wilkes-Barre and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hontz, Plymouth. Mr. and Mrs. Hontz also visited with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Holcomb Sr. Pikes Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crockett, Jean and Bill, Broadway, spent Sunday evening with the Richard Strouds, Mooretown.

West Luzerne Deanery

Quarterly meeting of West Luzerne Deanery of Scranton Diocese, Catholic Daughters of America, is scheduled for Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in St. Hedwig's Church, Zerby Avenue, Knigston. Plans will be laid for the DCCW convention in May.

## Only Yesterday

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

### IT HAPPENED 30 YEARS AGO:

A. P. Kiefer received 120 pairs of New Zealand white rabbits for establishment of a rabbit ranch at Shrine View. The expected yearly output of thousands was to go to a packing company. Robert Hooper was in charge of the rabbit ranch.

Residents were still smarting under the term Back Mountain, equating it with Back Woods, considered as a slap at the intelligence of residents.

Mrs. Albert Chapman, 56, wife of a former Trucksville Methodist pastor, died from a particle of food lodged in her throat.

Dallas Township school was planning to beautify its grounds, with men of the community to assist in planting.

Marie Hansen Stuliff, 26, Trucksville, died of pleurisy.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde was showing at the Himmler.

Spring Primaries indicated that nobody was interested in anything except being a committeeman, and that, Republican.

A community card party for benefit of the unemployed was given at College Misericordia by Dallas Community Club.

Dallas Borough and Dallas Township were tied for championship of the Bi-County League.

Circulation of the Dallas Post was 4,079.

You could get a hearty table d'hote dinner at Hotel Fort Durkee for \$1.

The Kidnapped Lindbergh baby was still missing.

Shavertown Lumber Company called attention to all-time low building costs, advised remodeling.

### IT HAPPENED 20 YEARS AGO:

Pals of Stan Evans, Shavertown, died at Pearl Harbor, which Stan had left some months before the surprise attack.

Iva Stevenson, Harveys Lake Police Chief, regretted that he was no longer in the Marines, with whom he had served in the Philippines during the Spanish American War. "If I could get just one crack at those Japs..."

The shortages brought some transportation changes. Noxen workers took to bikes, and two defense buses plied between here and Berwick.

Among local bee-men attending the annual banquet were W. C. Roushey, George Still, Archie Baker, A. C. Eddinger, W. F. Newberry, and Will Elston.

Dallas Red Cross Canteen unit was organized, chairman Mrs. Wesley Himmler.

Scarlet fever affected eight children in the area.

Dozens of letters from homesick boys in the service.

Residents were lending field glass for use in the Navy.

Married: Alma Nelson to Fred Drake, Doris LaBar to Woodrow Ruth.

Mrs. Amanda Fiske, 72, died at Alderson.

### IT HAPPENED 10 YEARS AGO:

Little League drew 203 registrations to date.

Kingston Township Vets elected William Guyette president.

Sherman Kunkle, Sweet Valley Parade chairman for Memorial Day, said it would be a two-day affair.

Carverton Rod and Gun Club offered a \$5 bonus for dead foxes.

Rev. Frederick Mook, former pastor of St. Paul's, suffered a heart attack, and was on leave of absence from his church in Phoenixville.

Ralph Brickel, veteran funeral director, 71, died after a lingering illness.

Married: Janet Oliver to William Wyda.

Edward B. Kraft, Noxen, enlisted in the Air Force.

Rachel E. Seafoss, 51, was buried in Kocher Cemetery.

John Zlaine, truck driver for Charles Long, dashed into a house at Meeker, borrowed a shotgun, and killed a fox crossing the yard.

### OUT OF ISOLATION

Thomas M. B. Hicks, Pioneer Ave., has been taken from the critical list at Nesbitt Hospital, is out of isolation, and is making steady improvement.



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## Barnyard Notes

I shall never forget Ray Shiber and the many happy hours we spent on long Thursday evenings discussing incidents of the Civil War while he made the Chauncey Wing mailing machine hum as he stamped the yellow address on The Dallas Post.

Ray Shiber knew the Civil War as few learned college professors did, and he didn't get it all out of books. During his boyhood he got, at first hand, much of his information from the men who had dodged the minie balls and who had stopped some of them. Then he checked their stories by spending hours on the battlefields himself.

He knew Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg and Antietam as intimately as some of the generals who fought there, for he spent more time walking over the fields, seeking out Union and Confederate veterans alike to discuss with them some little known incident of the conflict.

Then this self-taught student, with little formal education, but with a zest for facts that is common to all scholars, would turn to the Napoleonic Wars and the campaigns of Napoleon and his marshals in order to better understand the strategy and tactics used by Southern and Union Generals.

"Lee was a fool," I have heard him say, "to send massed infantry (Pickett's Charge) across open fields against massed artillery. Napoleon had learned that it couldn't be done!" and he would cite the battle and the action and the Marshal who had learned it.

At such times he would turn from his work, mailing machine held aloft, and sputter out incident after incident, date, hour, corps, division, brigade and regiments where Union generals had led their men to useless slaughter.

As the words came tumbling out, he might not pronounce the general's name correctly or use college English but there was no doubt in anyone's mind about the facts. He had them.

I have often dropped downstairs to chat with him after pouring over some little known incident in Freeman's four-volume "R. E. Lee" or the three-volume "Lee and His Lieutenants" or Williams "Lincoln Finds A General", facts fresh in mind, to catch Ray on some controversial point. I never caught him off guard. He would take up the issue, embellish it, give me the opinions of two or three authorities and his own conclusions and leave me standing there amazed at his knowledge and memory.

No I shall never forget this kindly, gentle man; his enthusiasm and zest for whatever he undertook. Any Rebel who had the temerity to place the responsibility for the War between the States at a session of the Civil War Round Table also felt the flashes of fire that sparked from his bright eyes.

"You know who was to blame" he would say. "It was those Southerners who were too lazy to work, and too willing to fight. It was slavery. That's what it was." And they all loved him, Yankee and Rebel alike.

## 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.)

## Pinkerton on Pan



WASHINGTON, D.C.—April 1—Criticism is mounting over detective Allan Pinkerton's operations of the North's intelligence service. Latest grumbles followed disclosure that defenses by which the South has held Bull Run, or Manassas, scene of the first battle of the conflict, were vastly overestimated. After the recent southern withdrawal, Union scouts discovered that most of the "guns" ringing Manassas actually were shaved logs, painted black. In photo above, Pinkerton is seen seated at rear. (Library of Congress).

## "It's Operation Saw" At New Madrid, Mo.

NEW MADRID, Mo.—April 2—Union military and naval leaders today expressed confidence that Island No. 10, strategic Mississippi River stronghold of the Confederates, would fall within 48 hours.

A fleet of riverboats headed by the Carondelet, under command of Flag Capt. Henry Walke, aided by troops of the battle-hardened 42d Illinois regiment under Col. George W. Roberts, is poised for an assault on the island.

The Carondelet has been outfitted to withstand the fire of the five gun emplacements on Island No. 10 and the four opposite the island on the mainland.

MEN ON RAFTS are using saw-logs to cut the trees at a minimum depth of four and a half feet below the surface.

Working in advance of them are other crews who "top" the trees to leave a minimum of eight feet above the surface; other crews are removing the timber as it falls.

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